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体術（上級編）
あなたの力に！
①
相手の力を受け流します
②
相手の姿勢を崩します
③
小規模転送を行います
（転送先に注意しましょう）
①
②
③

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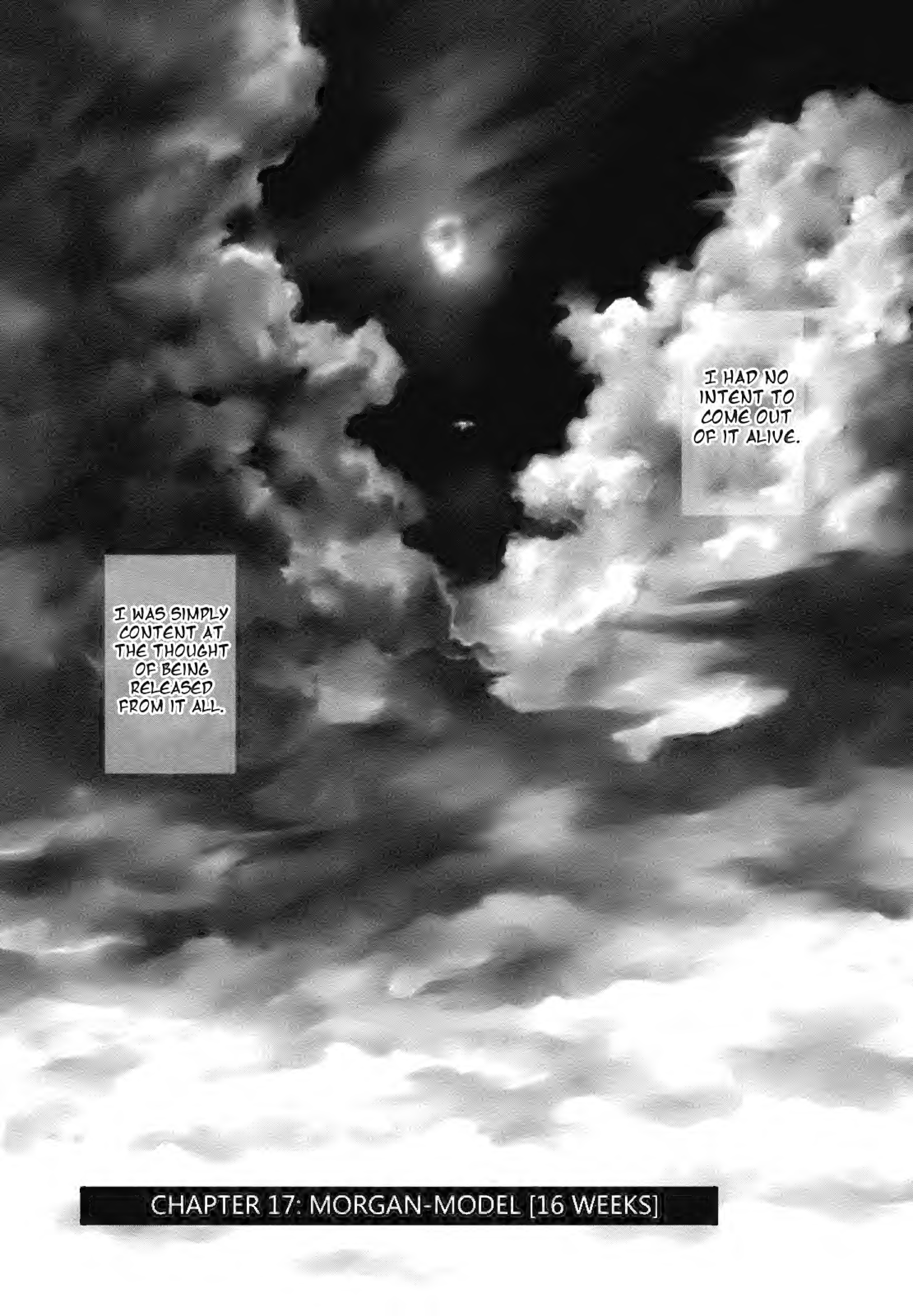
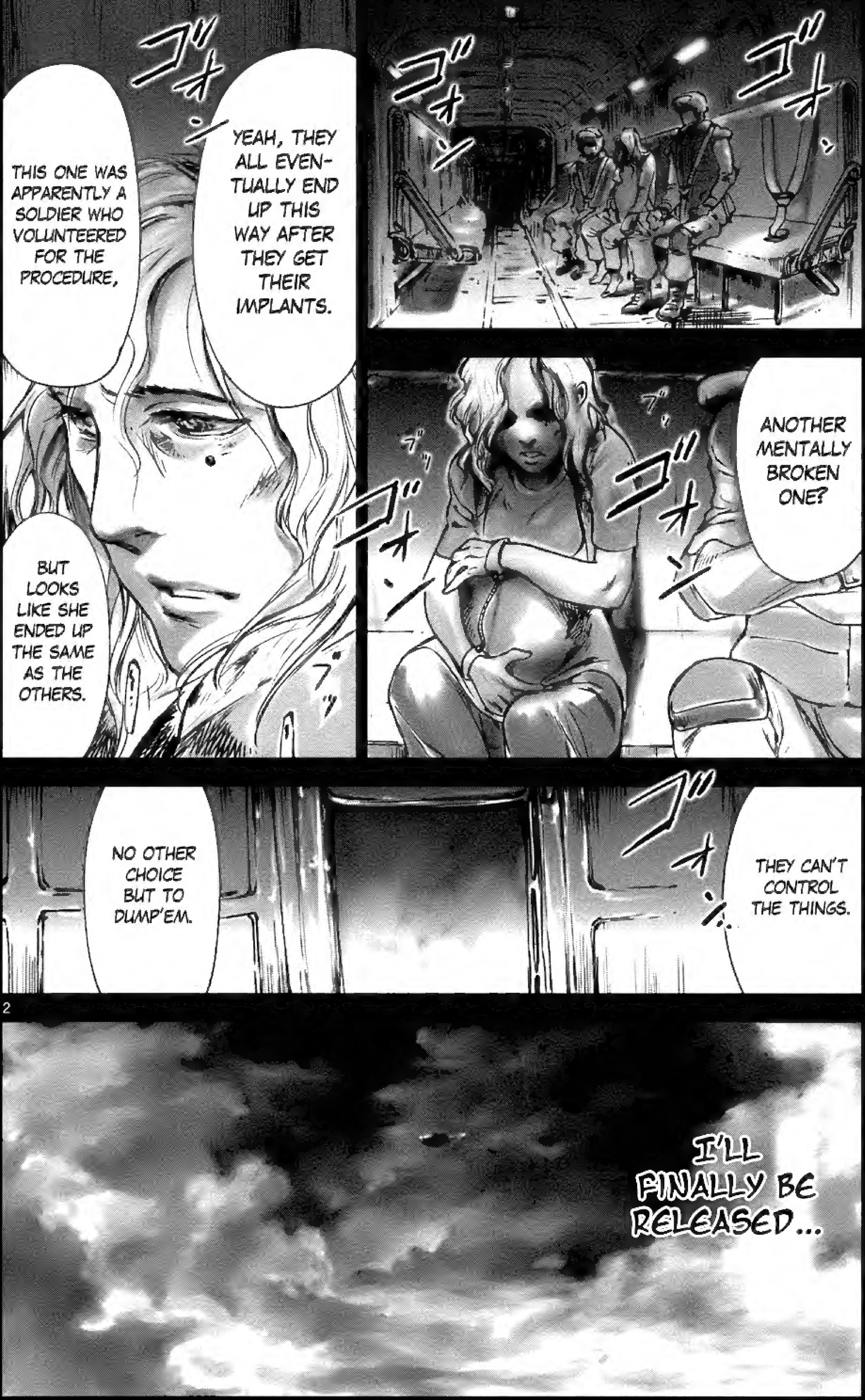
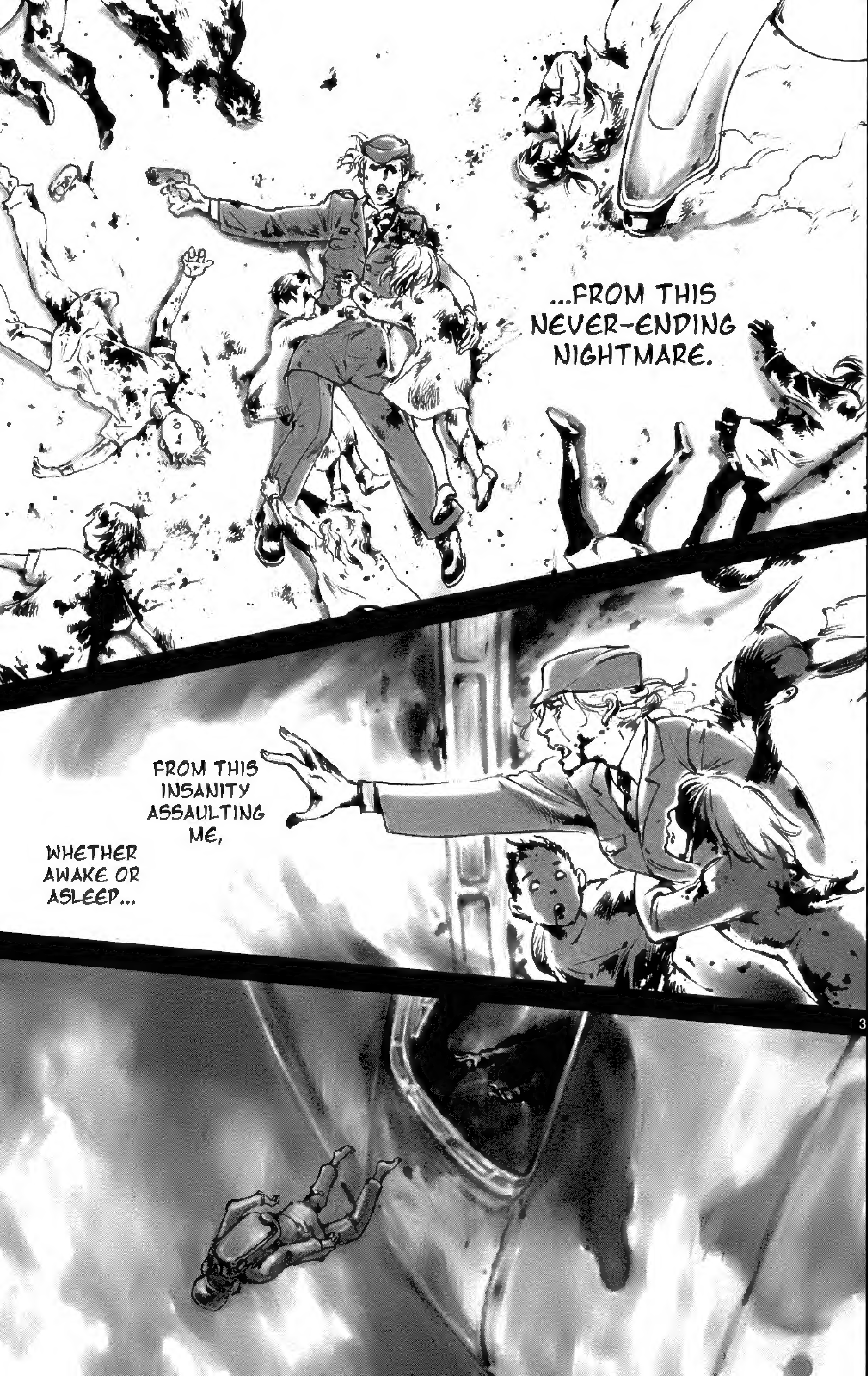
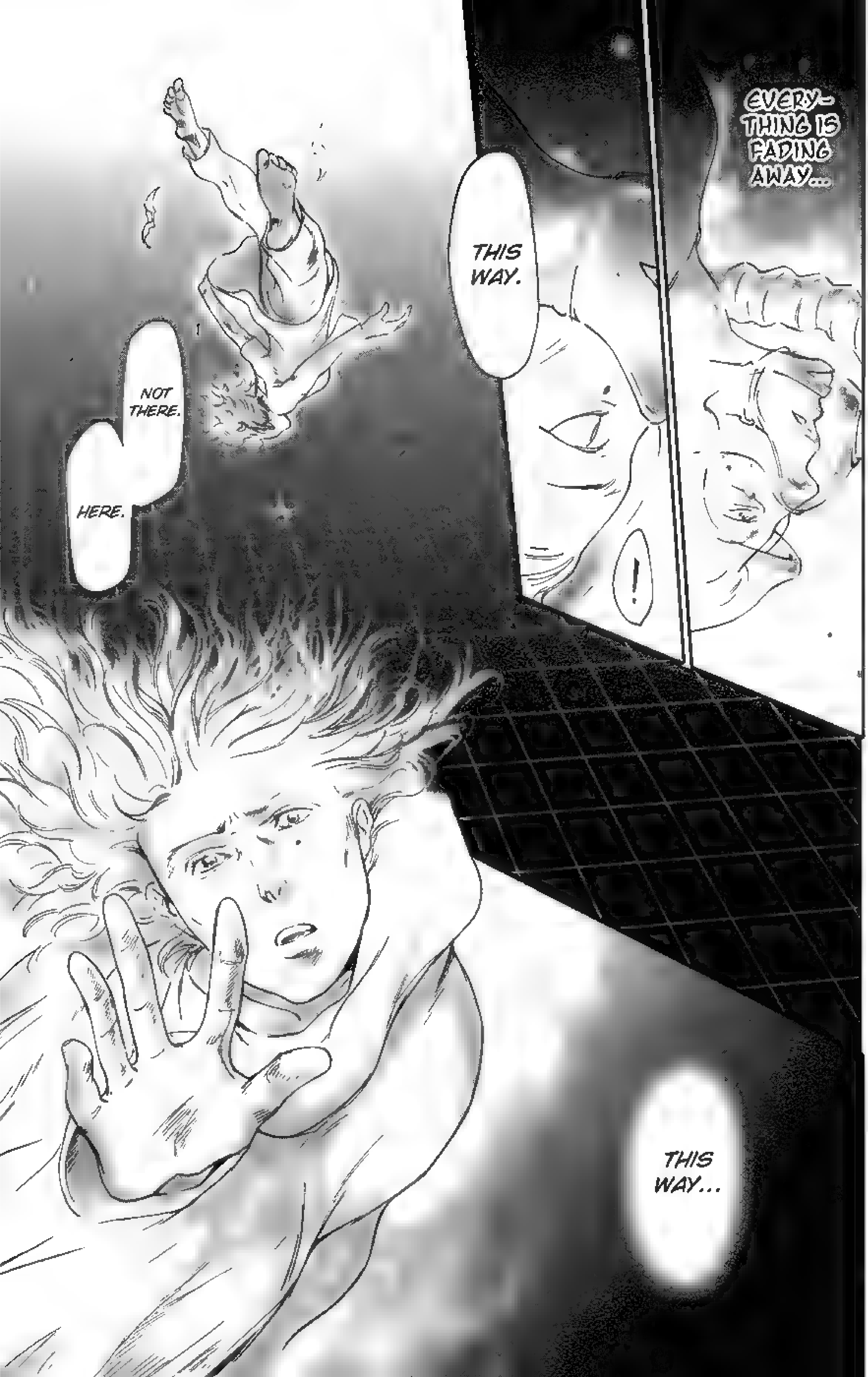
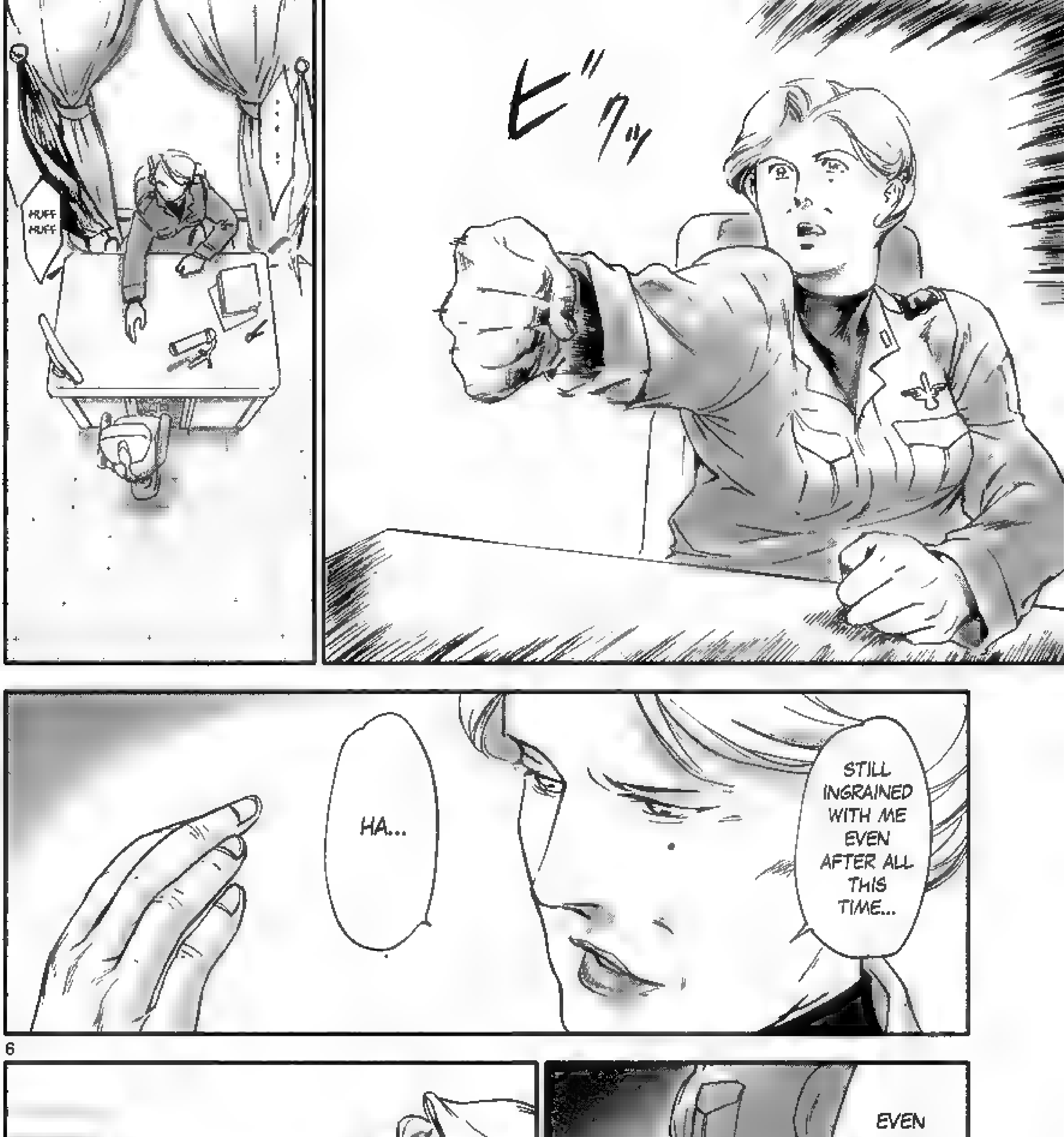
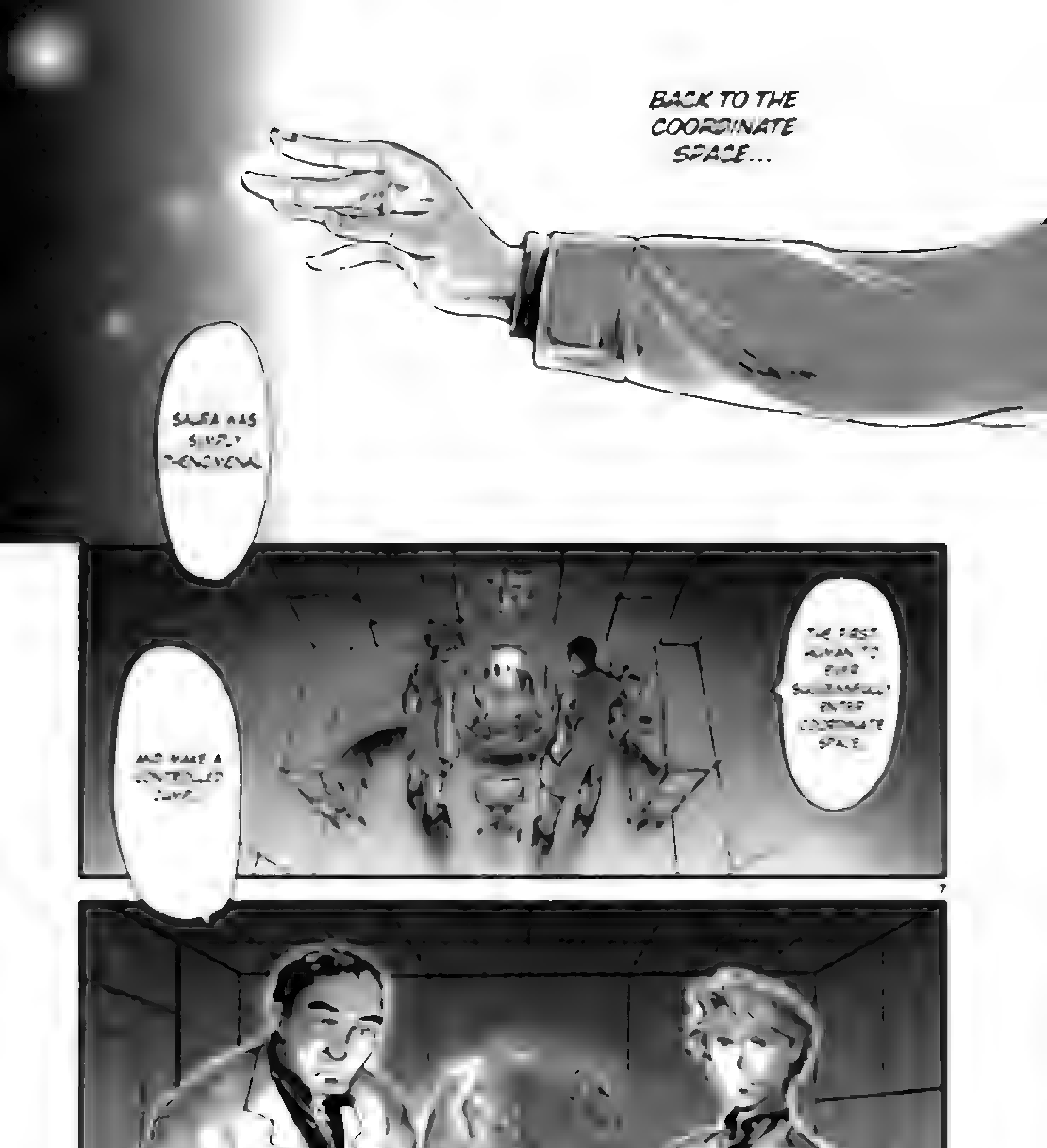

I HAD NO INTENT TO COME OUT OF IT ALIVE.
I WAS SIMPLY CONTENT AT THE THOUGHT OF BEING RELEASED FROM IT ALL.

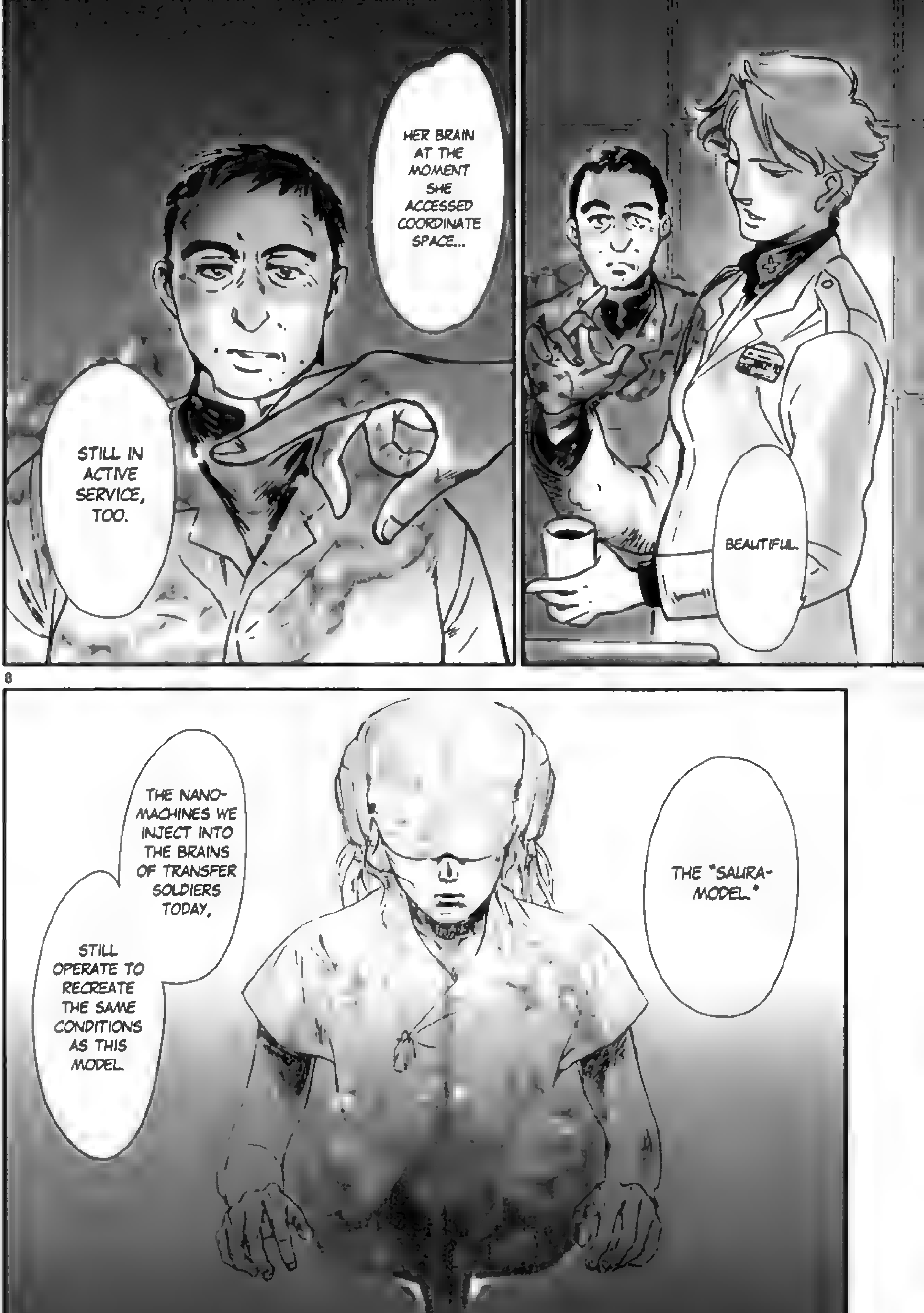

ゴォン
ゴォン
ANOTHER MENTALLY BROKEN ONE?
ゴォン
ブッ
ブッ
ゴォン
YEAH, THEY ALL EVENTUALLY END UP THIS WAY AFTER THEY GET THEIR IMPLANTS.
THIS ONE WAS APPARENTLY A SOLDIER WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR THE PROCEDURE,
ゴォン
BUT LOOKS LIKE SHE ENDED UP THE SAME AS THE OTHERS.
ブッ
THEY CAN'T CONTROL THE THINGS.
ゴォン
NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO DUMP'EM.
I'LL FINALLY BE RELEASED...

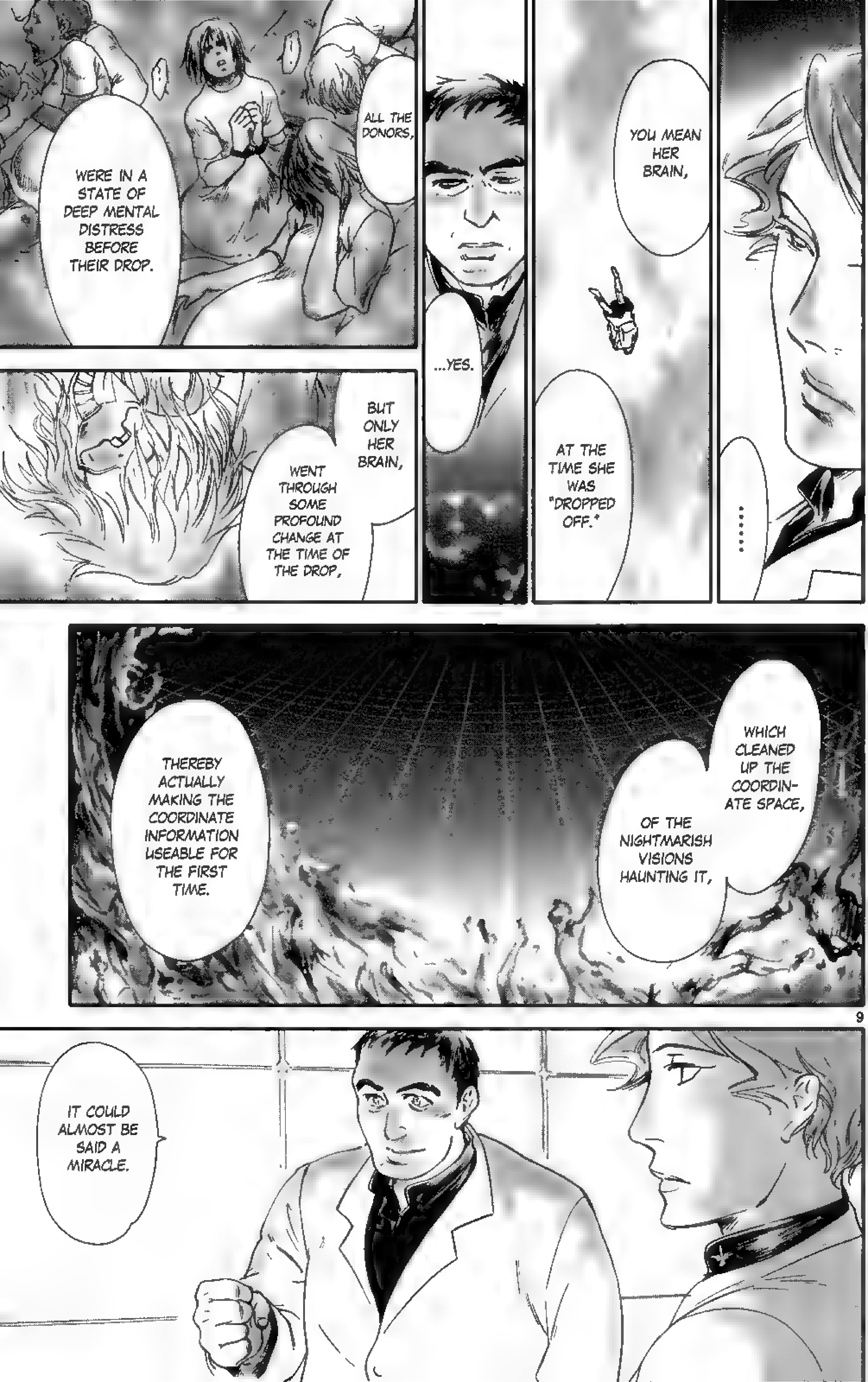

...FROM THIS NEVER-ENDING NIGHTMARE.
FROM THIS INSANITY ASSAULTING ME,
WHETHER AWAKE OR ASLEEP...

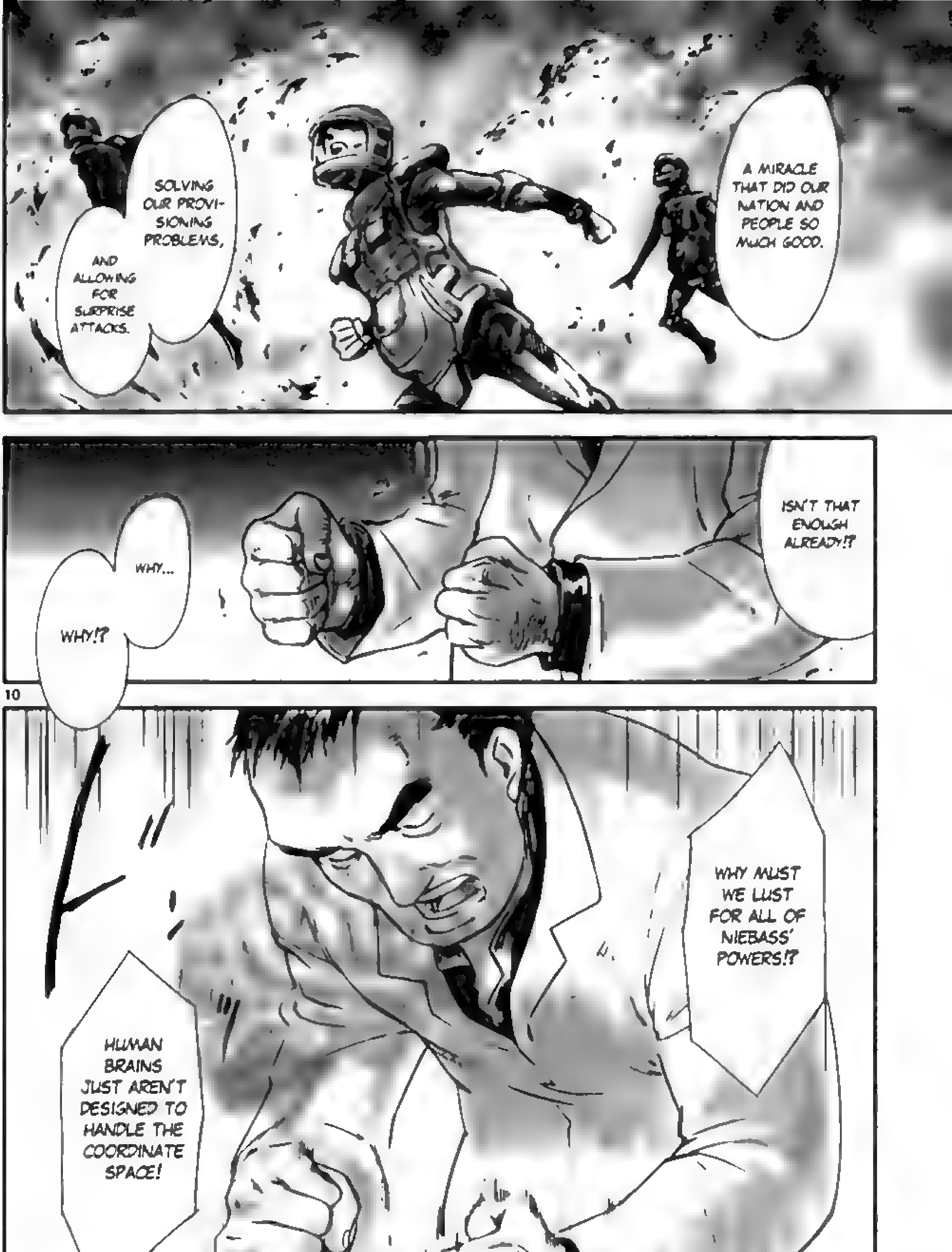

EVERY-THING IS FADING AWAY...
THIS WAY.
NOT THERE.
HERE.
!
THIS WAY...

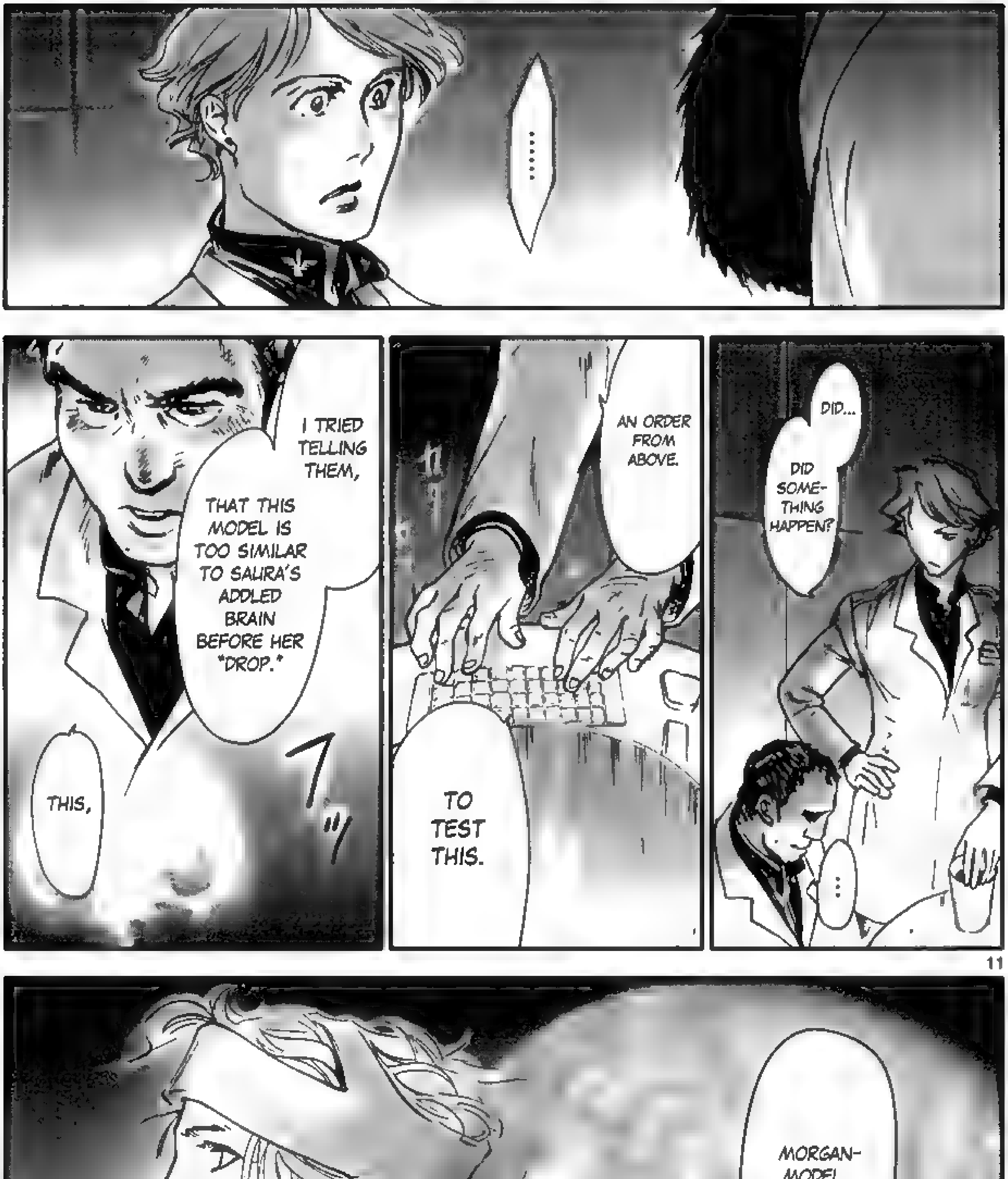

ビクッ
HUFF HUFF
STILL INGRAINED WITH ME EVEN AFTER ALL THIS TIME...
HA...
EVEN THOUGH I'LL NEVER GO OVER THERE AGAIN...


BACK TO THE COORDINATE SPACE...
SAURA WAS SIMPLY PHENOMENAL.
THE FIRST HUMAN TO EVER SUCCESSFULLY ENTER COORDINATE SPACE.
AND MAKE A CONTROLLED JUMP.


BEAUTIFUL.
HER BRAIN AT THE MOMENT SHE ACCESSED COORDINATE SPACE...
STILL IN ACTIVE SERVICE, TOO.
THE "SAURA-MODEL."
THE NANO-MACHINES WE INJECT INTO THE BRAINS OF TRANSFER SOLDIERS TODAY,
STILL OPERATE TO RECREATE THE SAME CONDITIONS AS THIS MODEL.


......
YOU MEAN HER BRAIN,
AT THE TIME SHE WAS "DROPPED OFF."
...YES.
ALL THE DONORS,
WERE IN A STATE OF DEEP MENTAL DISTRESS BEFORE THEIR DROP.
BUT ONLY HER BRAIN,
WENT THROUGH SOME PROFOUND CHANGE AT THE TIME OF THE DROP,
WHICH CLEANED UP THE COORDINATE SPACE,
OF THE NIGHTMARISH VISIONS HAUNTING IT,
THEREBY ACTUALLY MAKING THE COORDINATE INFORMATION USEABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME.
IT COULD ALMOST BE SAID A MIRACLE.


A MIRACLE THAT DID OUR NATION AND PEOPLE SO MUCH GOOD.
SOLVING OUR PROVISIONING PROBLEMS,
AND ALLOWING FOR SURPRISE ATTACKS.
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH ALREADY!?
WHY...
WHY!?
WHY MUST WE LUST FOR ALL OF NIEBASS' POWERS!?
HUMAN BRAINS JUST AREN'T DESIGNED TO HANDLE THE COORDINATE SPACE!


……
DID...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
…
AN ORDER FROM ABOVE.
TO TEST THIS.
I TRIED TELLING THEM,
THAT THIS MODEL IS TOO SIMILAR TO SAURA'S ADDLED BRAIN BEFORE HER "DROP."
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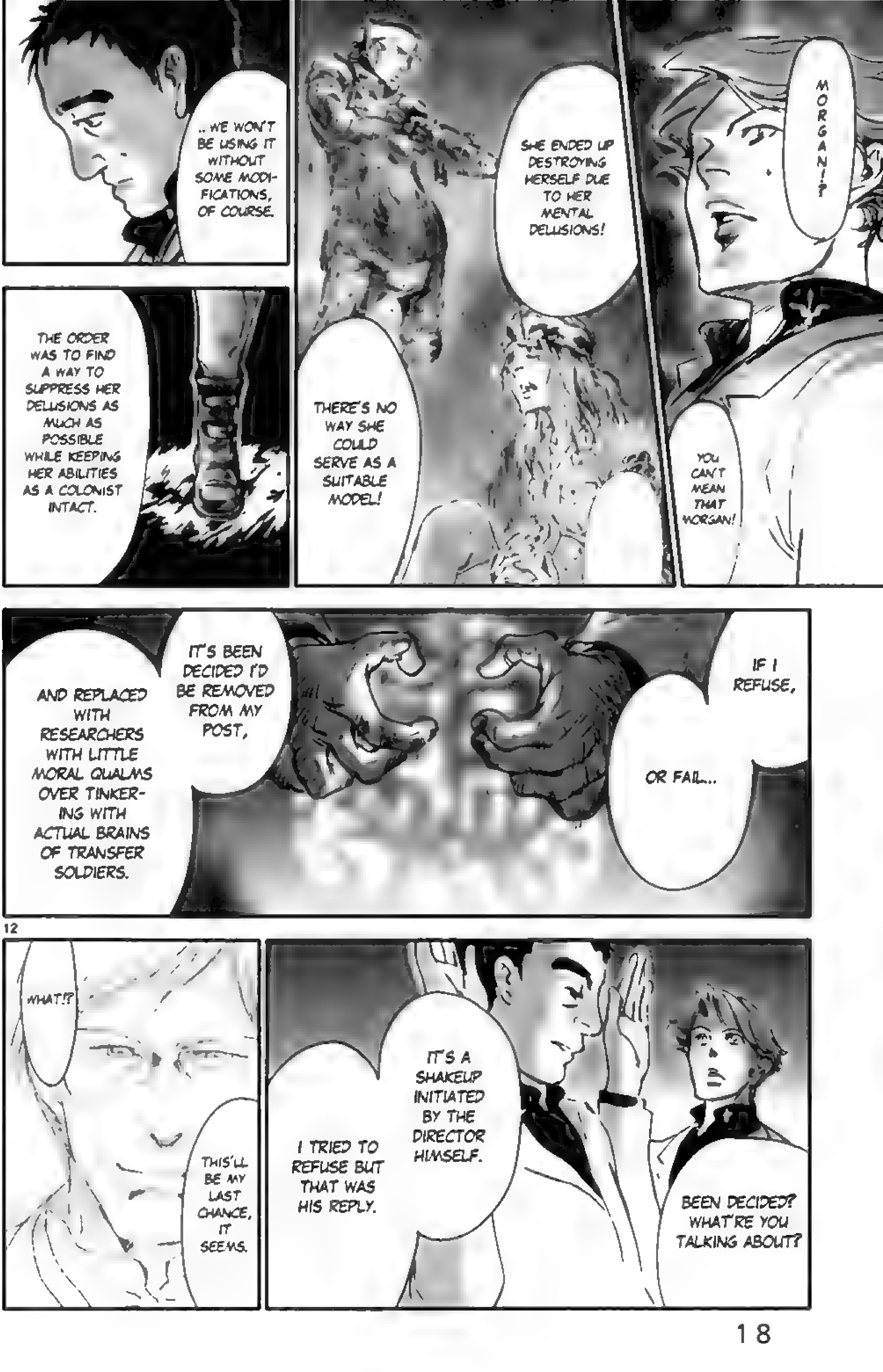
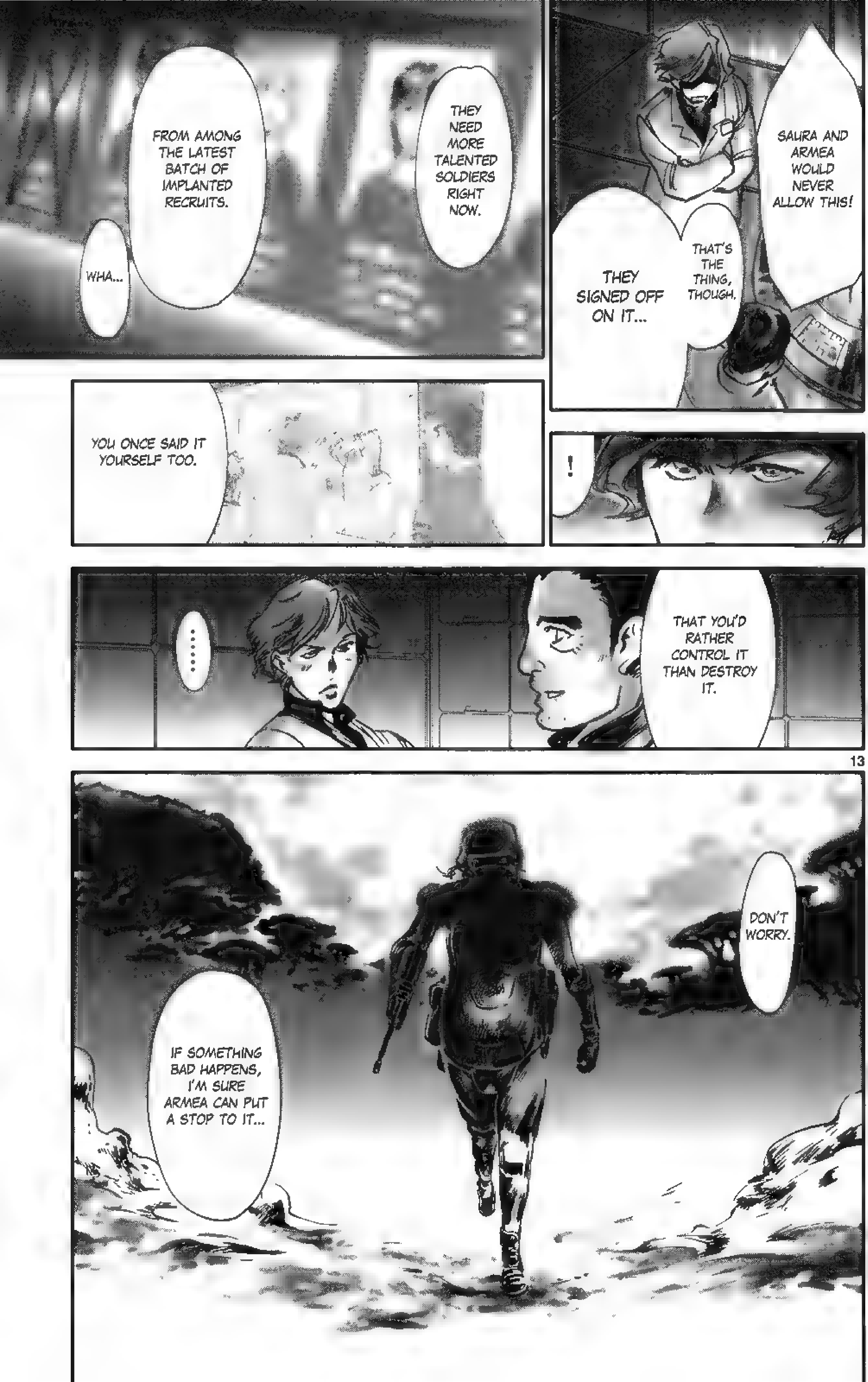
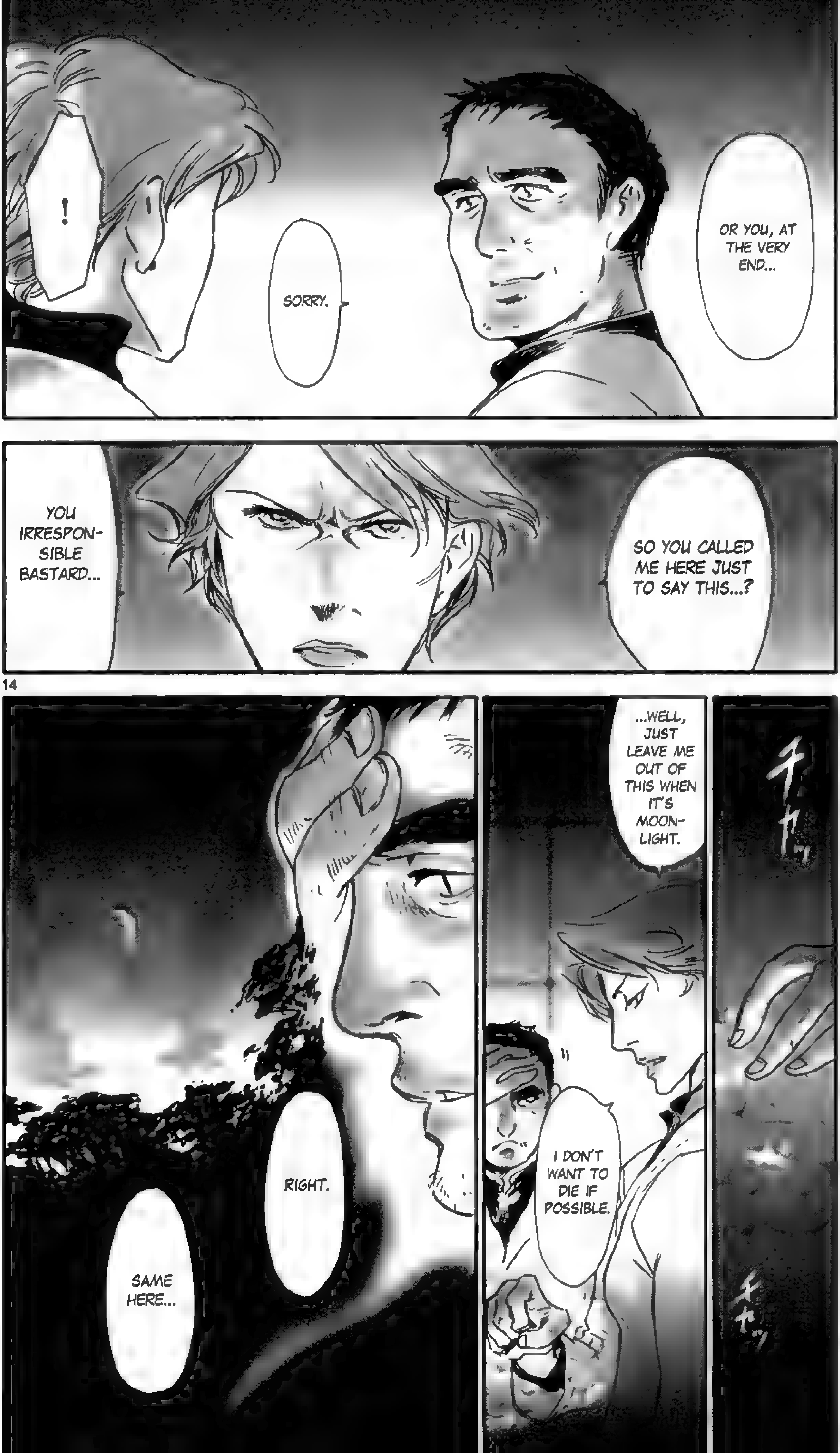
THIS,
MORGAN-MODEL...


MORGAN!?
YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT MORGAN!
SHE ENDED UP DESTROYING HERSELF DUE TO HER MENTAL DELUSIONS!
THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD SERVE AS A SUITABLE MODEL!
..WE WON'T BE USING IT WITHOUT SOME MODIFICATIONS, OF COURSE.
THE ORDER WAS TO FIND A WAY TO SUPPRESS HER DELUSIONS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WHILE KEEPING HER ABILITIES AS A COLONIST INTACT.
IF I REFUSE,
OR FAIL...
IT'S BEEN DECIDED I'D BE REMOVED FROM MY POST,
AND REPLACED WITH RESEARCHERS WITH LITTLE MORAL QUALMS OVER TINKERING WITH ACTUAL BRAINS OF TRANSFER SOLDIERS.
BEEN DECIDED? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S A SHAKEUP INITIATED BY THE DIRECTOR HIMSELF.
I TRIED TO REFUSE BUT THAT WAS HIS REPLY.
WHAT!?
THIS'LL BE MY LAST CHANCE, IT SEEMS.


SAURA AND ARMEA WOULD NEVER ALLOW THIS!
THAT'S THE THING, THOUGH.
THEY SIGNED OFF ON IT...
THEY NEED MORE TALENTED SOLDIERS RIGHT NOW.
FROM AMONG THE LATEST BATCH OF IMPLANTED RECRUITS.
WHA...
!
YOU ONCE SAID IT YOURSELF TOO.
THAT YOU'D RATHER CONTROL IT THAN DESTROY IT.
......
DON'T WORRY.
IF SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS, I'M SURE ARMEA CAN PUT A STOP TO IT...


OR YOU, AT THE VERY END...
SORRY.
!
SO YOU CALLED ME HERE JUST TO SAY THIS...?
YOU IRRESPONSIBLE BASTARD...
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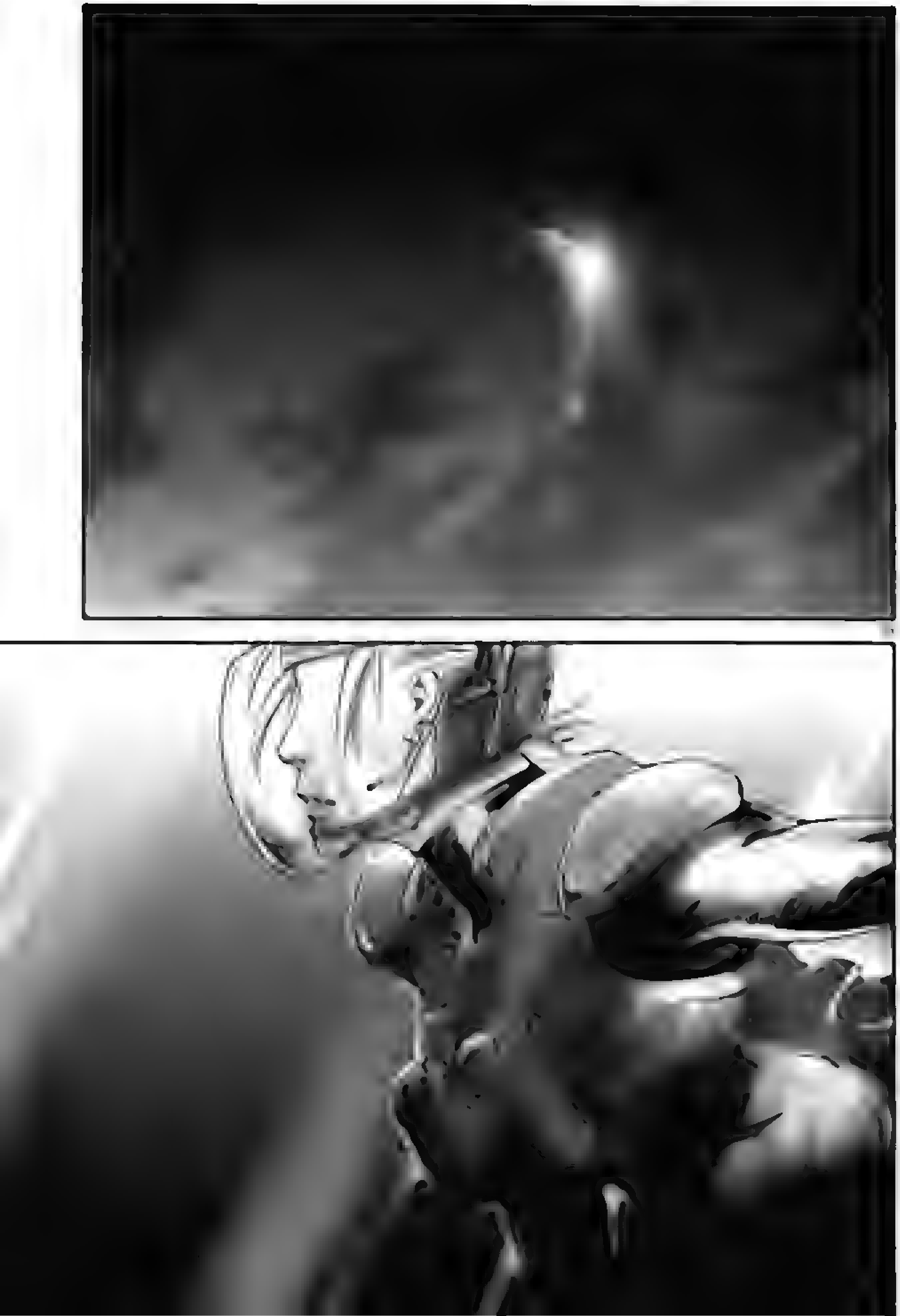
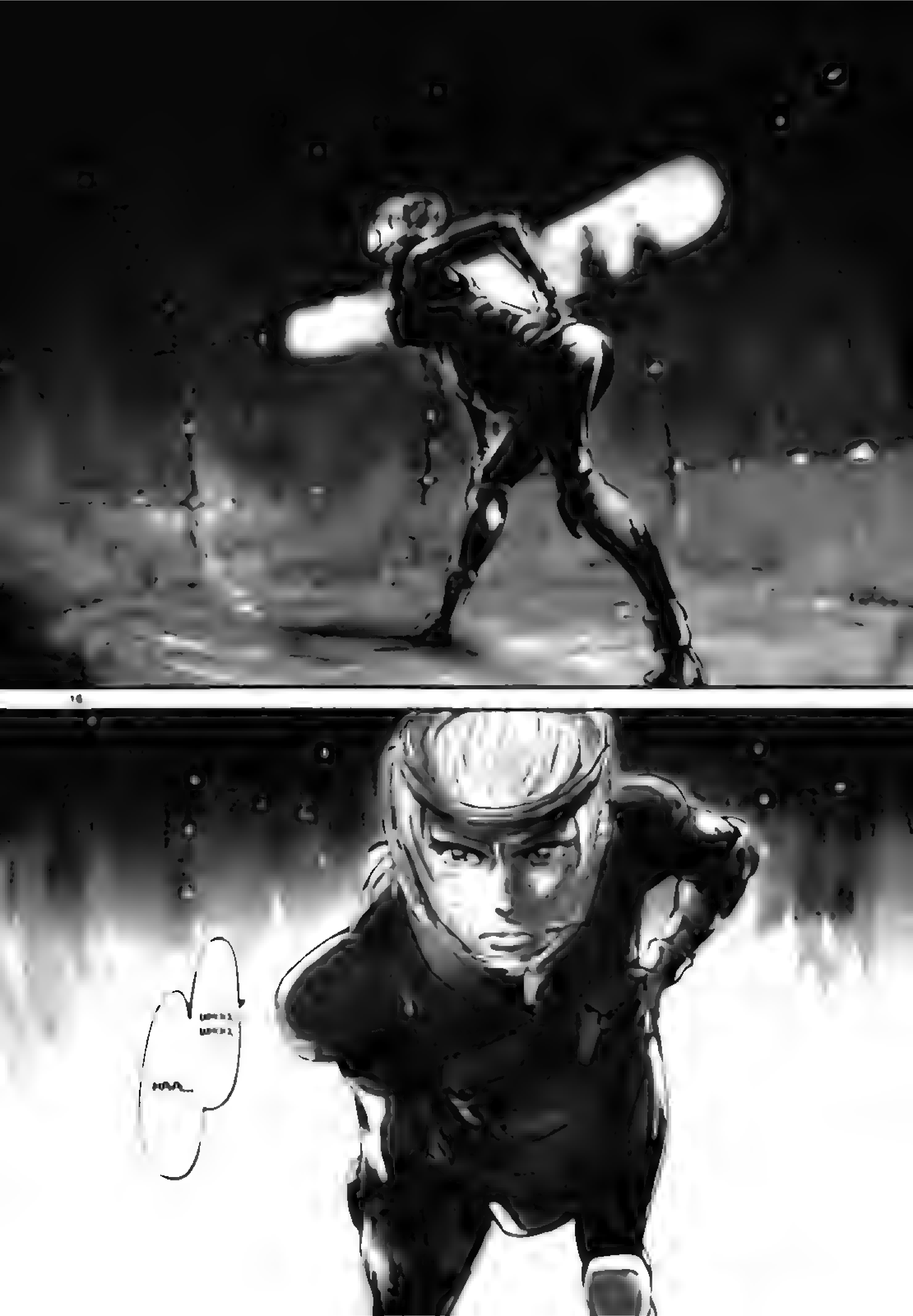
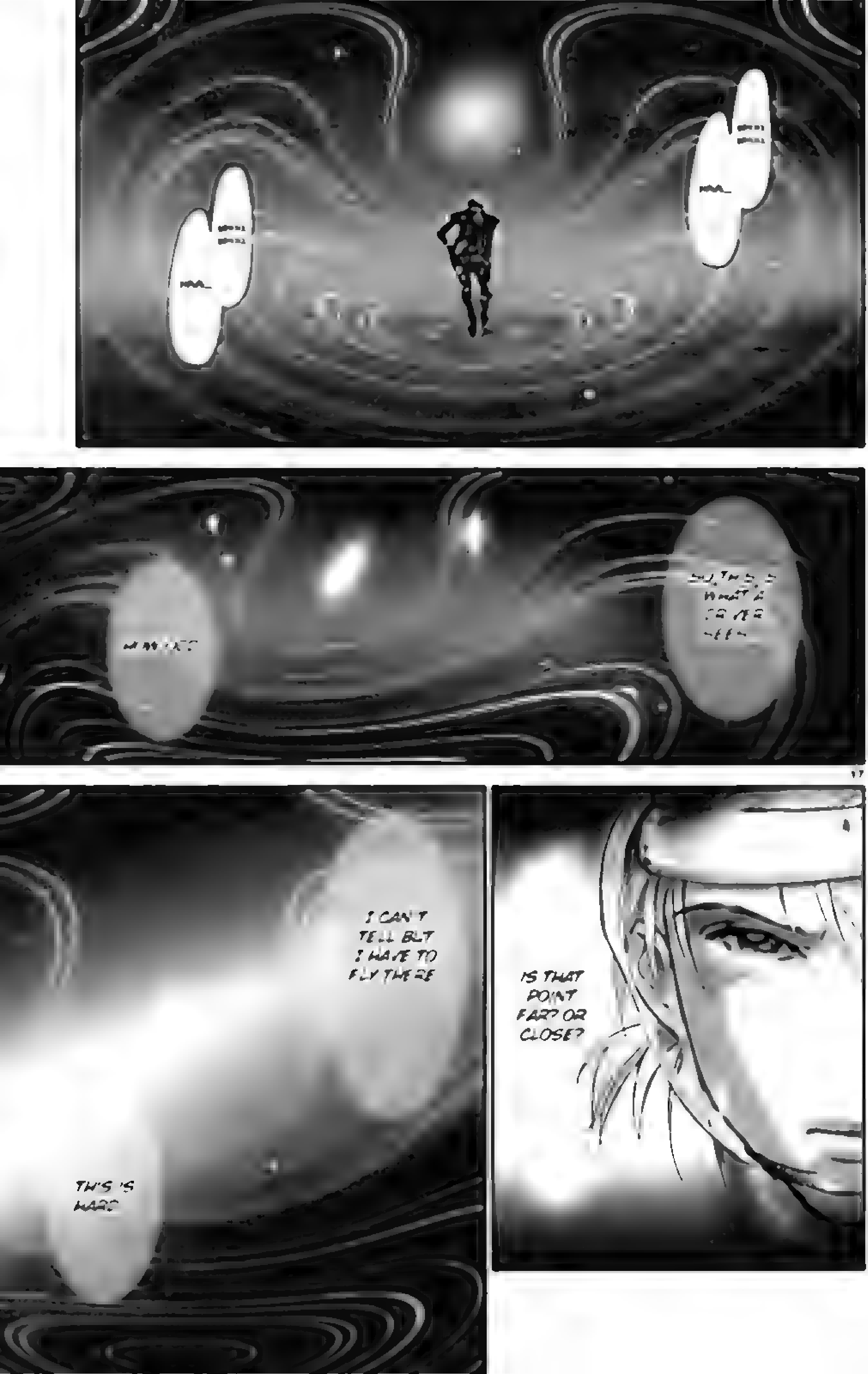
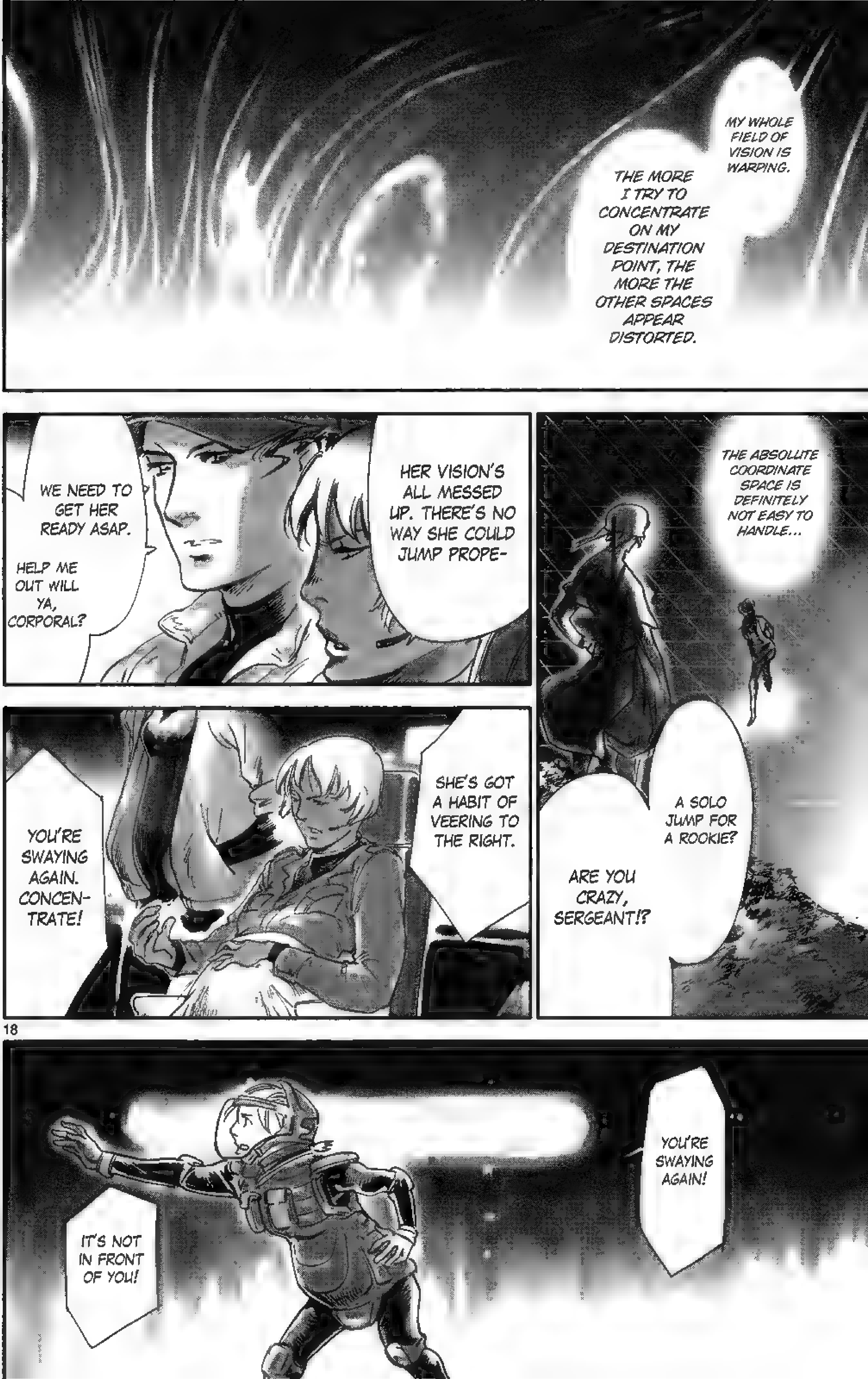
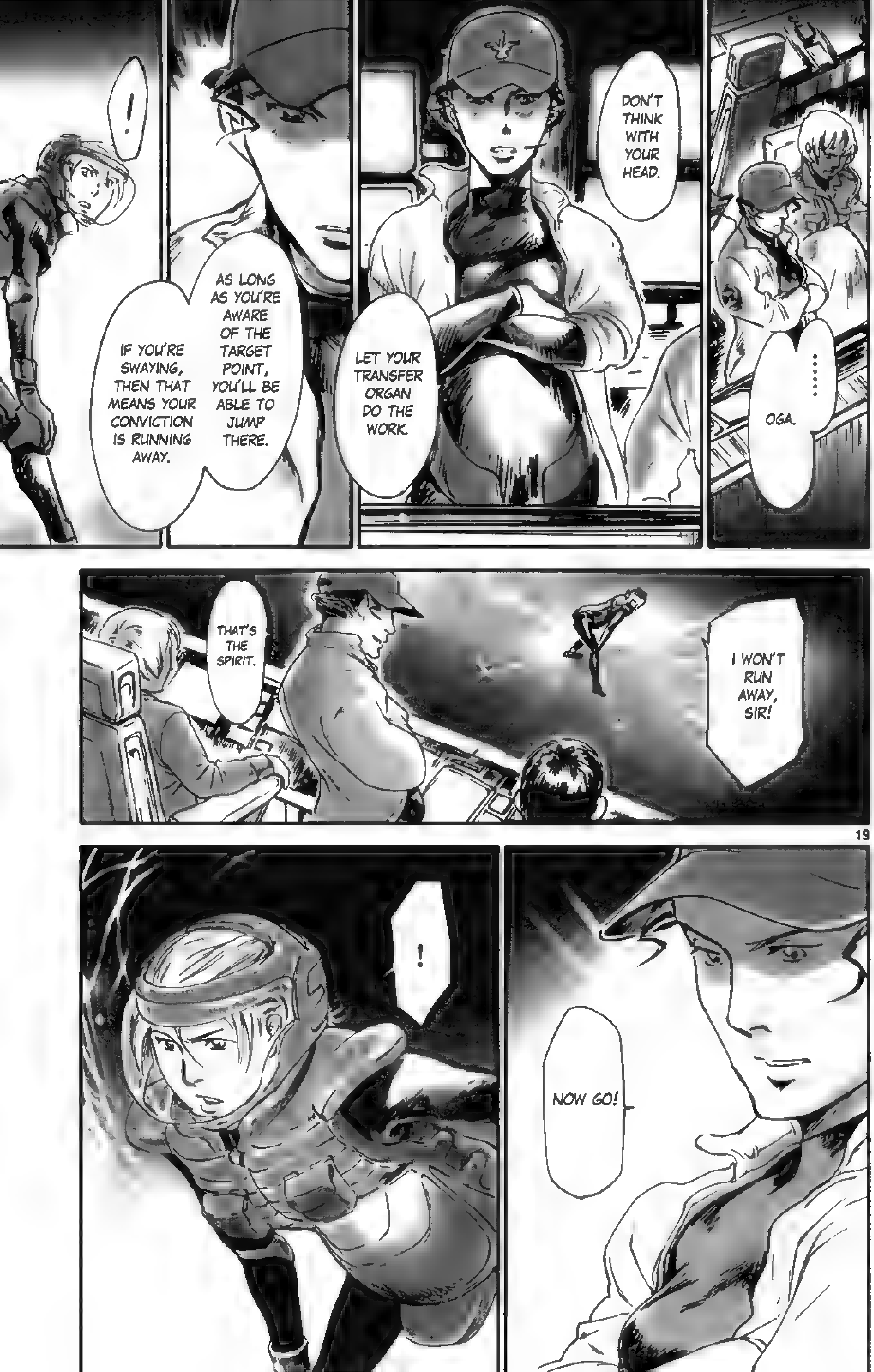
...WELL, JUST LEAVE ME OUT OF THIS WHEN IT'S MOONLIGHT.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE IF POSSIBLE.
RIGHT.
SAME HERE...

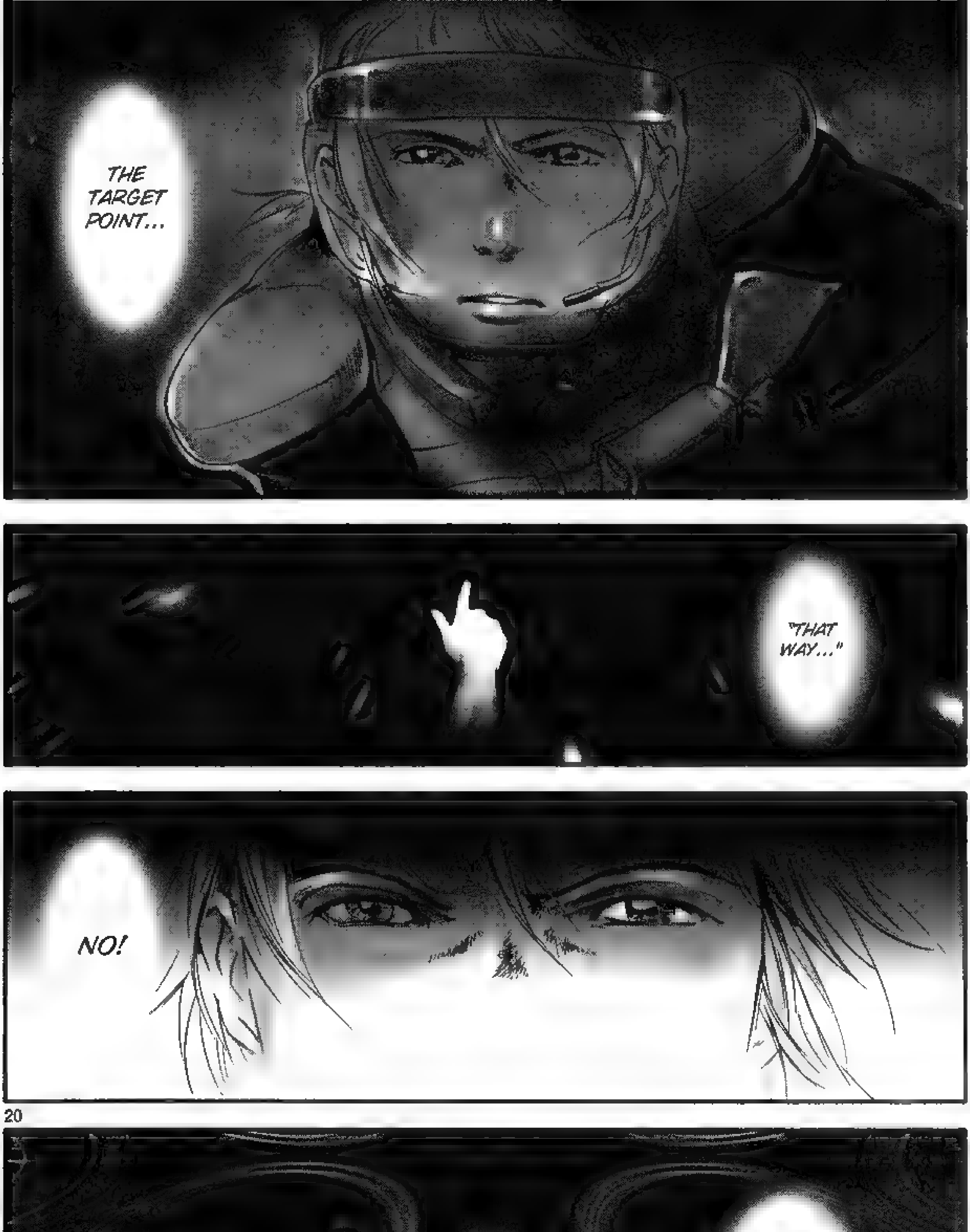


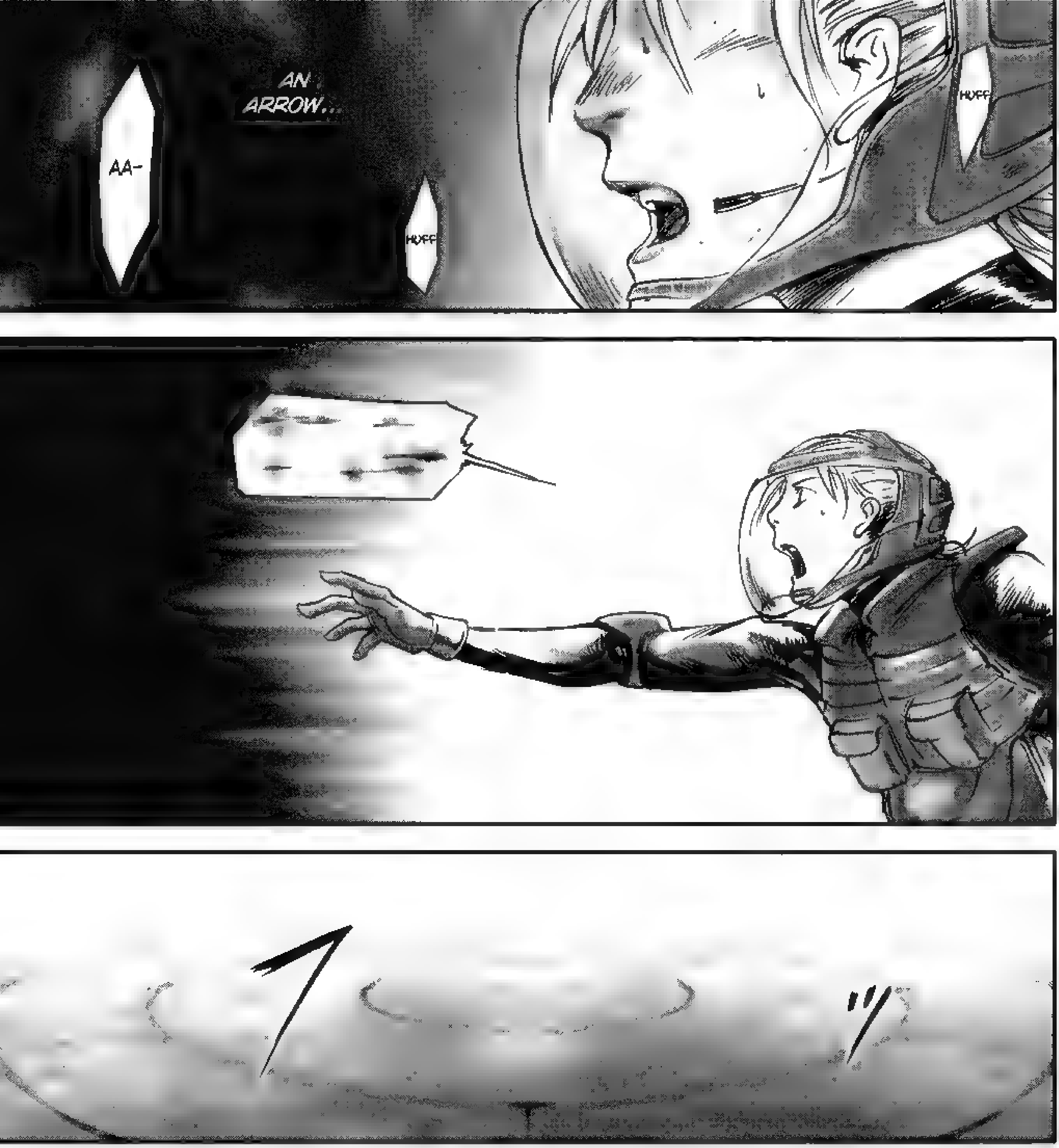



HAA...
HAA...
WHAT?!
IS THAT POINT FAR OR CLOSE?
I CAN'T TELL BUT I HAVE TO FLY THERE
THIS IS HARD


MY WHOLE FIELD OF VISION IS WARPING.
THE MORE I TRY TO CONCENTRATE ON MY DESTINATION POINT, THE MORE THE OTHER SPACES APPEAR DISTORTED.
THE ABSOLUTE COORDINATE SPACE IS DEFINITELY NOT EASY TO HANDLE...
A SOLO JUMP FOR A ROOKIE?
ARE YOU CRAZY, SERGEANT!?
HER VISION'S ALL MESSED UP. THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD JUMP PROPE-
WE NEED TO GET HER READY ASAP.
HELP ME OUT WILL YA, CORPORAL?
SHE'S GOT A HABIT OF VEERING TO THE RIGHT.
YOU'RE SWAYING AGAIN. CONCENTRATE!
YOU'RE SWAYING AGAIN!
IT'S NOT IN FRONT OF YOU!


……
OGA.
DON'T THINK WITH YOUR HEAD.
LET YOUR TRANSFER ORGAN DO THE WORK.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE AWARE OF THE TARGET POINT, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO JUMP THERE.
IF YOU'RE SWAYING, THEN THAT MEANS YOUR CONVICTION IS RUNNING AWAY.
!
I WON'T RUN AWAY, SIR!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT.
NOW GO!
!


THE TARGET POINT...
"THAT WAY..."
NO!
THAT FINGER IS JUST AN ILLUSION.
AN ARROW OF LIGHT WILL GUIDE ME!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AN ARROW...
HUFF
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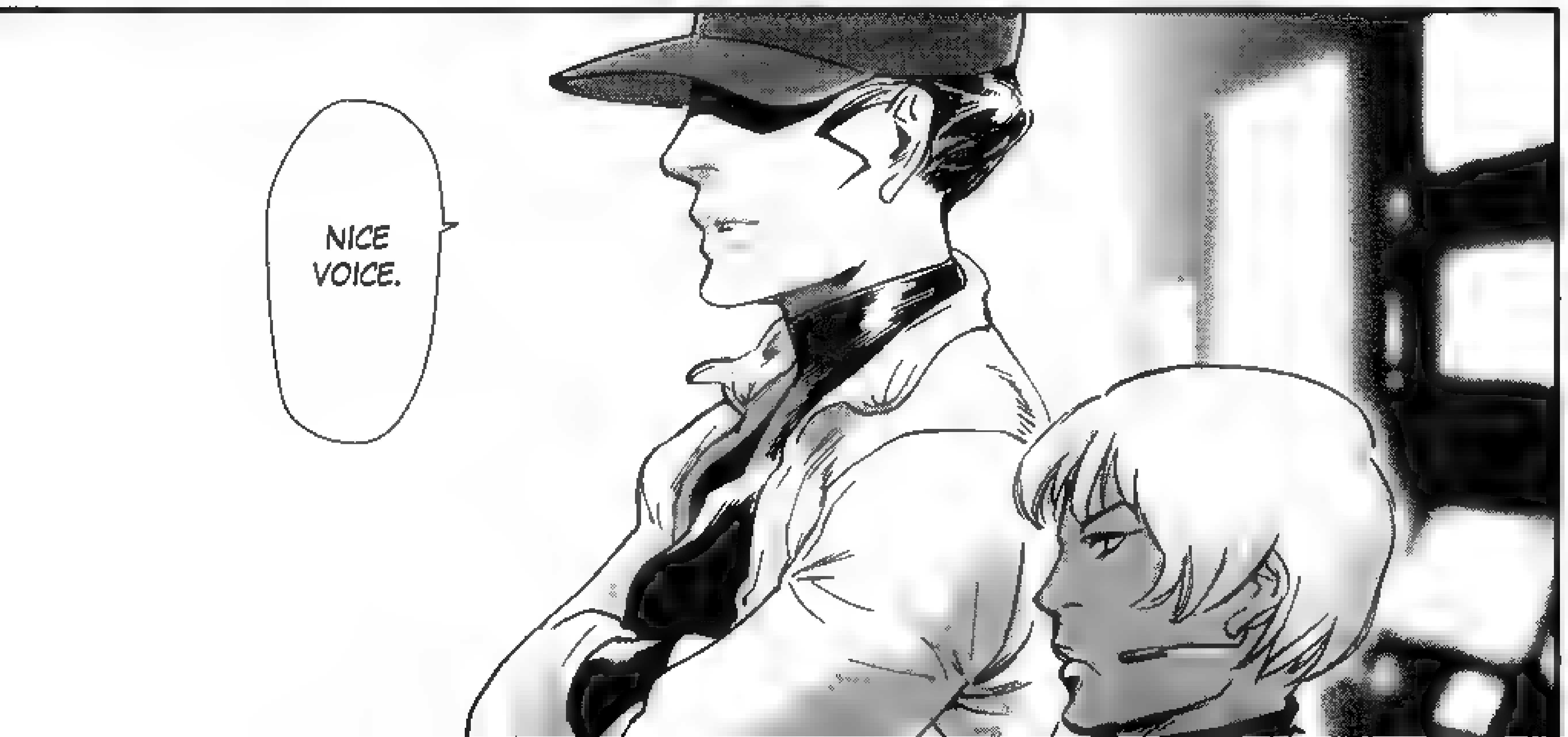
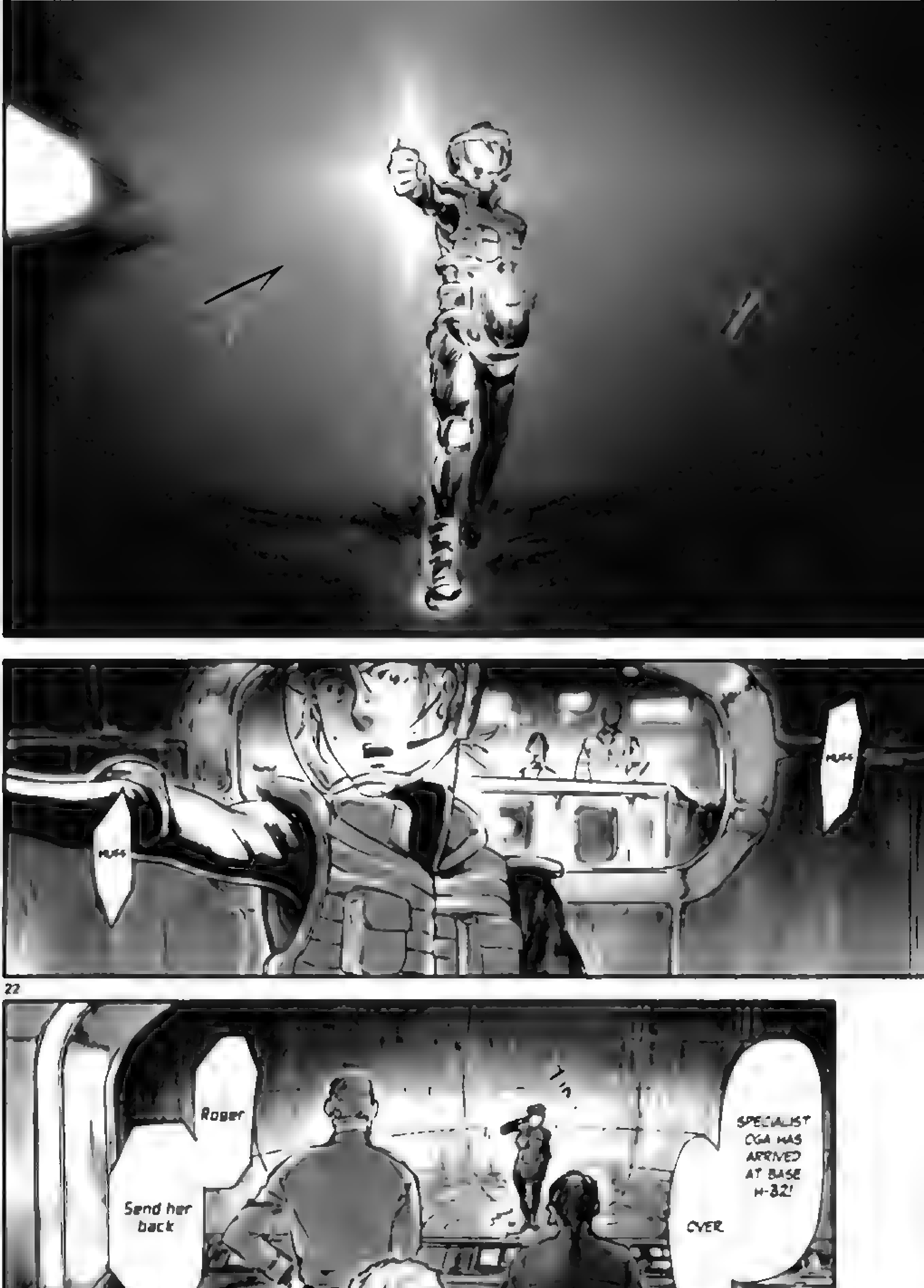

NICE VOICE.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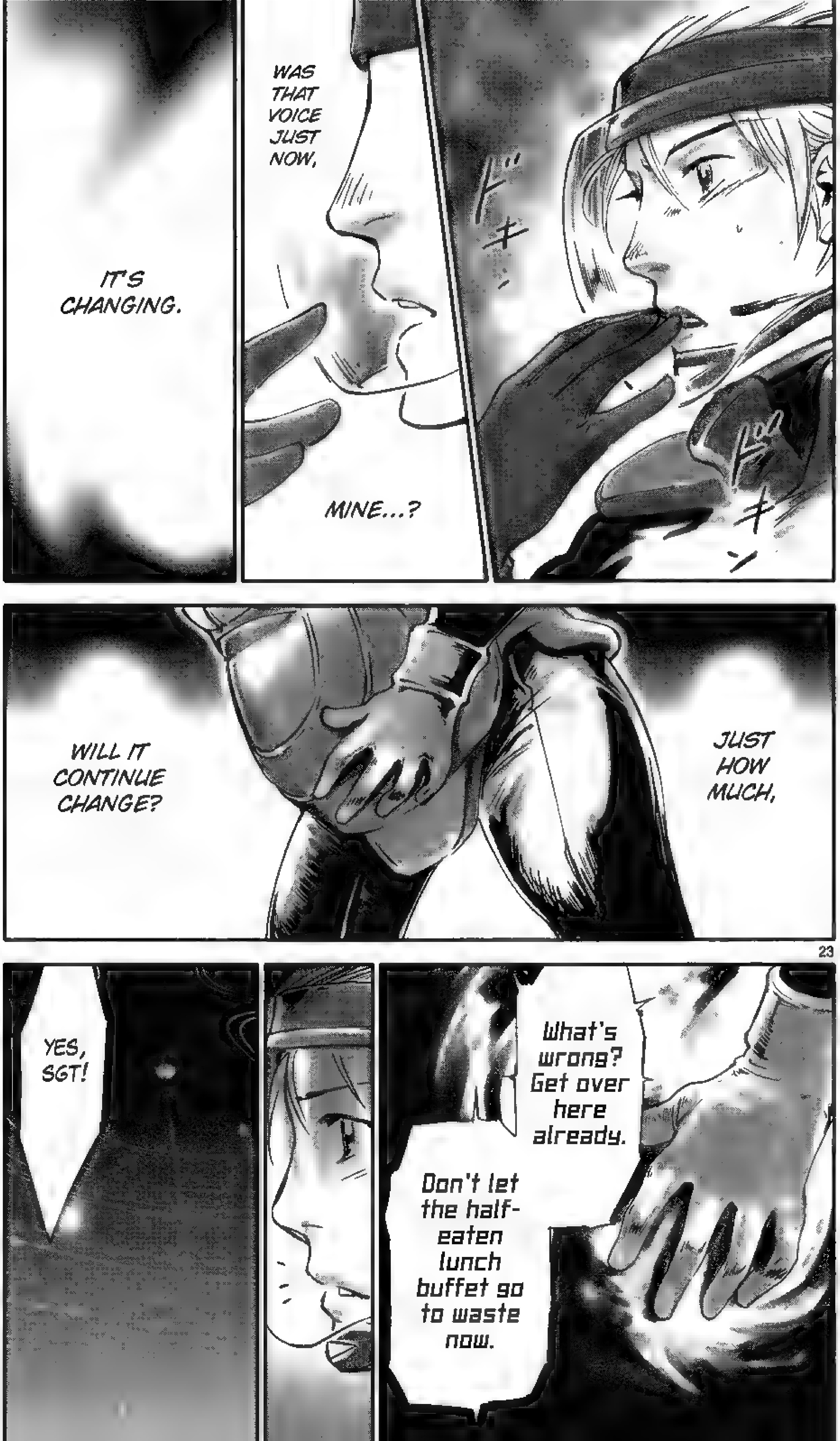
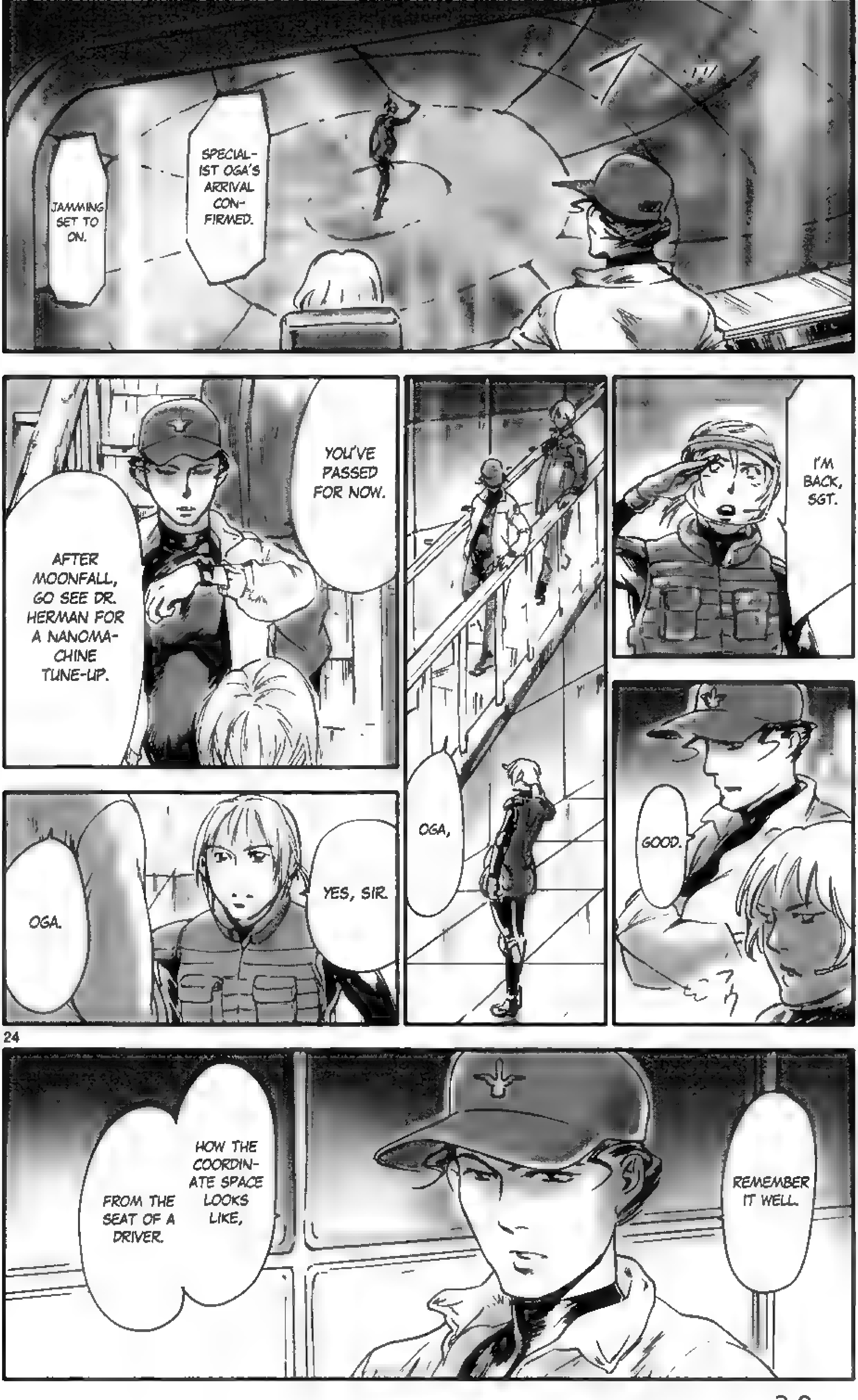
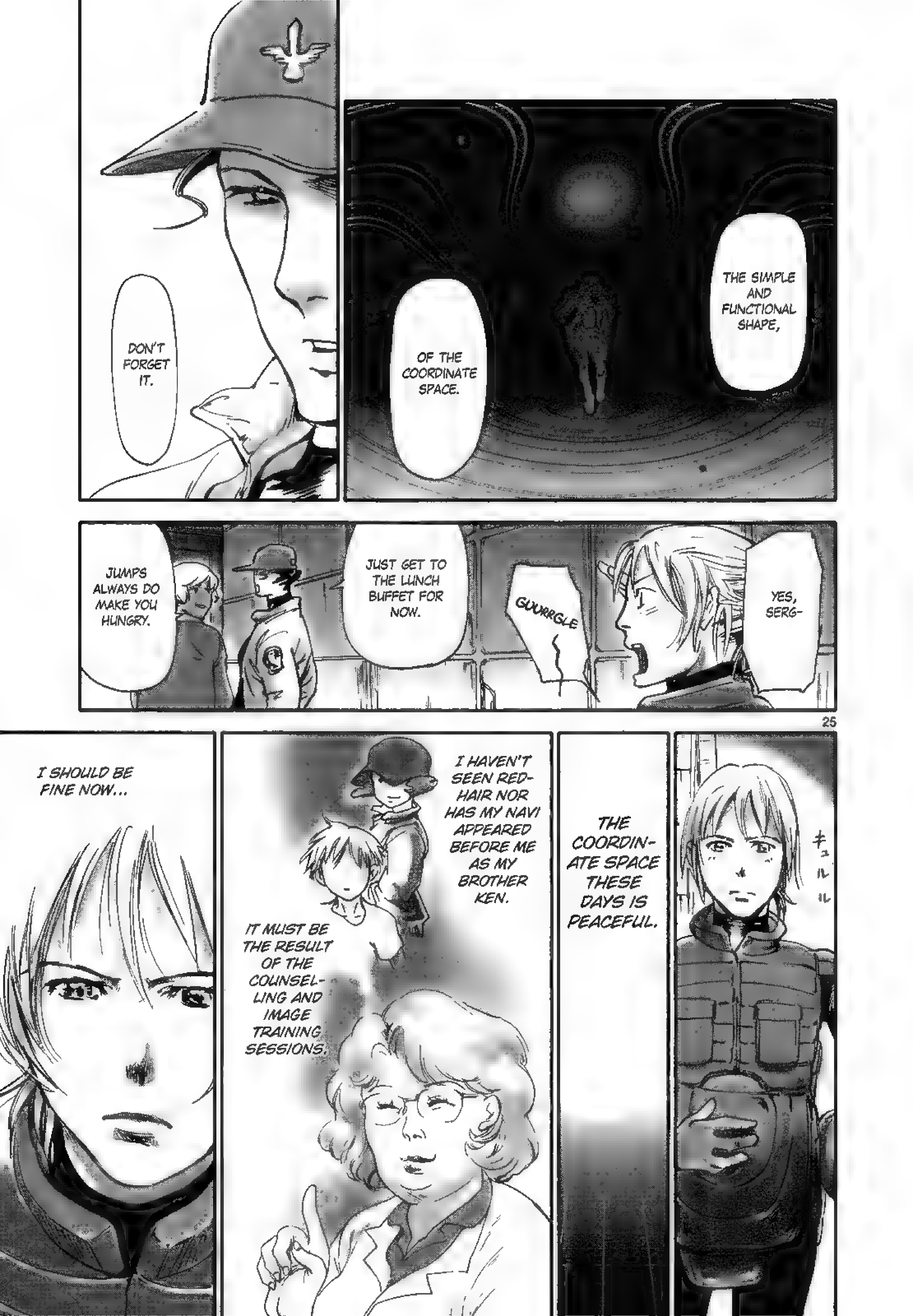
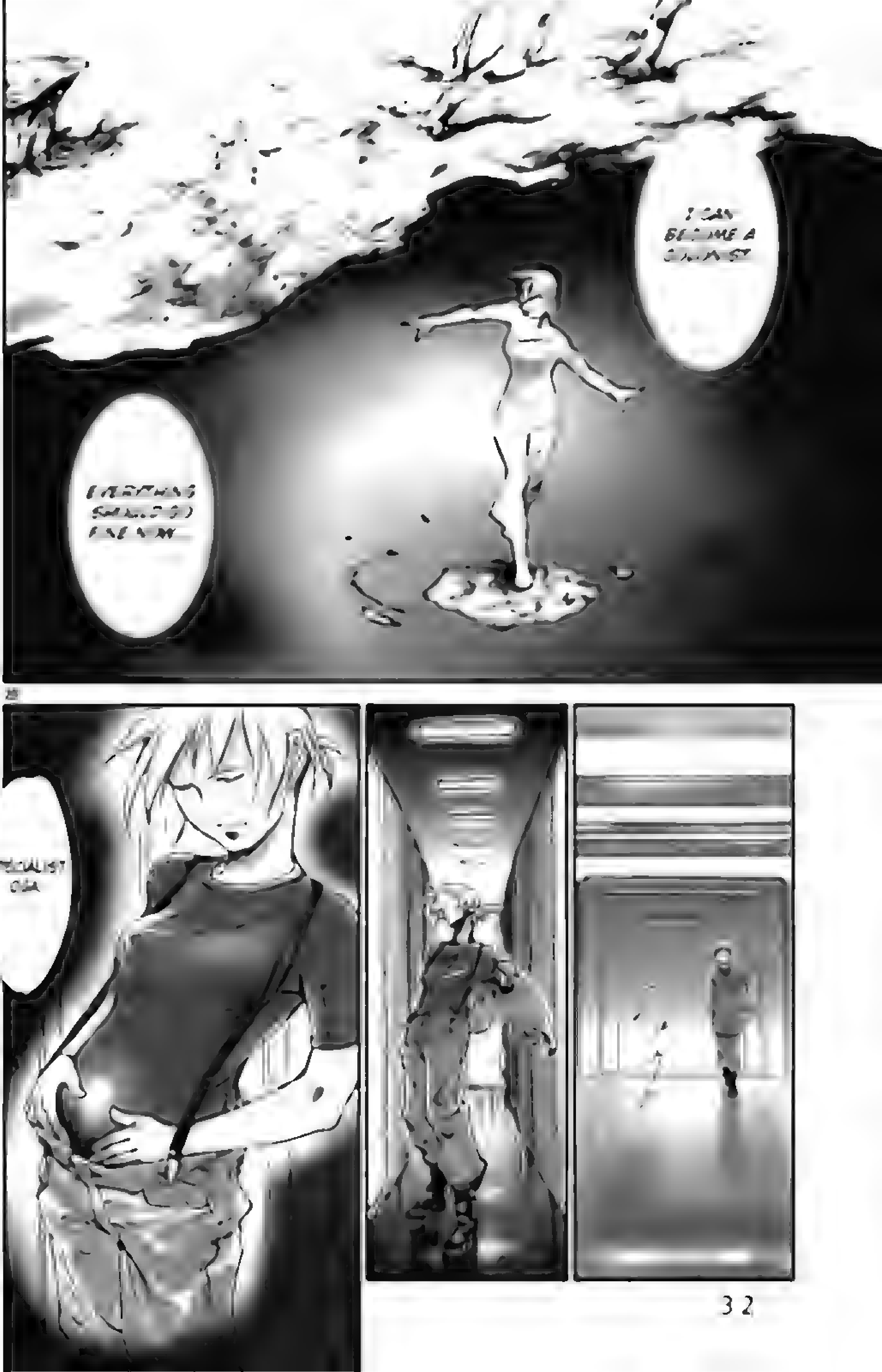
HUFF
SPECIALIST OGA HAS ARRIVED AT BASE H-32!
OVER
Roger
Send her back

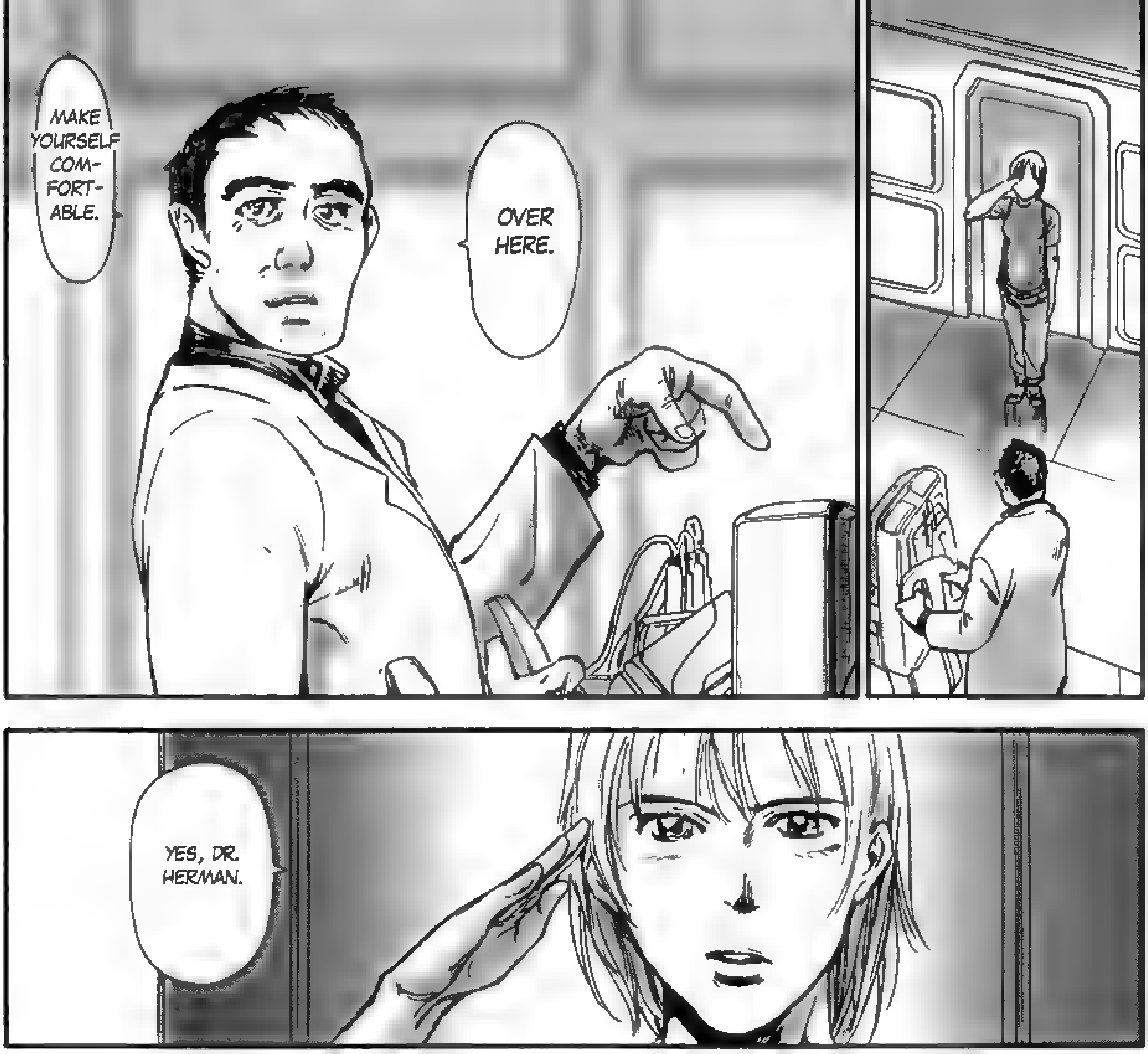

WAS THAT VOICE JUST NOW,
MINE...?
IT'S CHANGING.
JUST HOW MUCH,
WILL IT CONTINUE CHANGE?
What's wrong? Get over here already.
Don't let the half-eaten lunch buffet go to waste now.
YES, SGT!

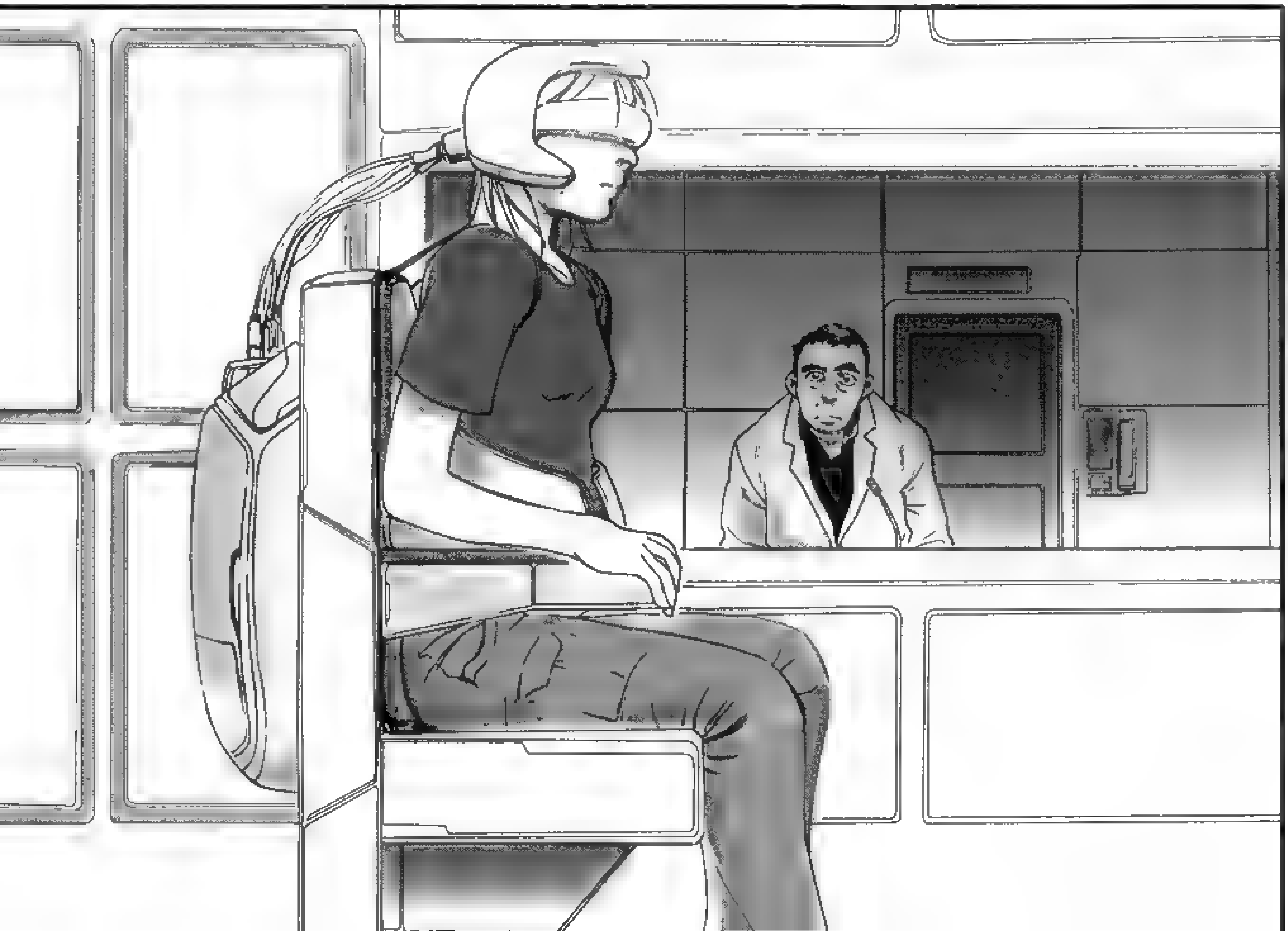

SPECIALIST OGA'S ARRIVAL CONFIRMED.
JAMMING SET TO ON.
I'M BACK, SGT.
GOOD.
OGA,
OGA.
YES, SIR.
YOU'VE PASSED FOR NOW.
AFTER MOONFALL, GO SEE DR. HERMAN FOR A NANOMACHINE TUNE-UP.
24
REMEMBER IT WELL.
HOW THE COORDINATE SPACE LOOKS LIKE,
FROM THE SEAT OF A DRIVER.

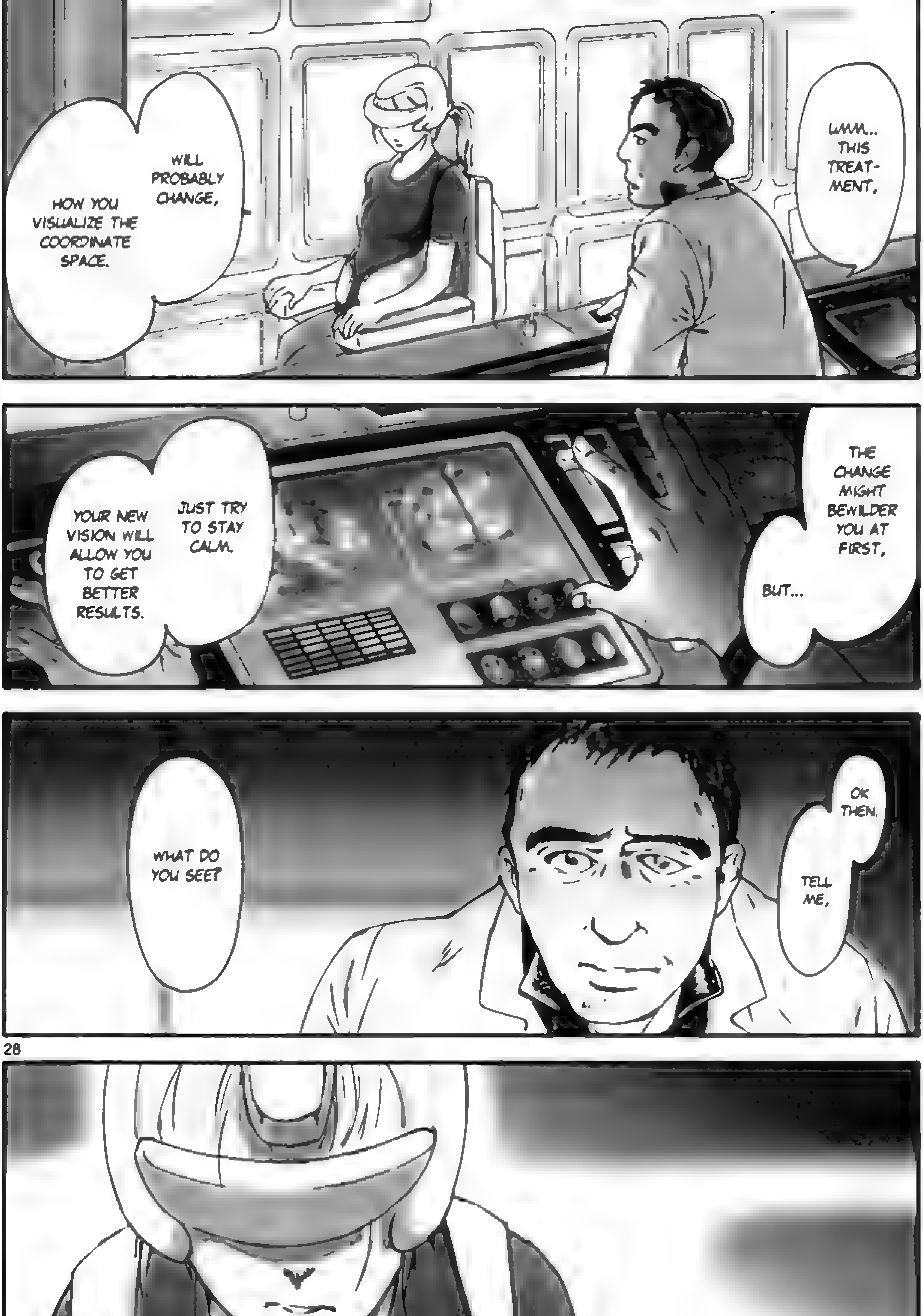

THE SIMPLE AND FUNCTIONAL SHAPE,
OF THE COORDINATE SPACE.
DON'T FORGET IT.
YES, SERG-
GUURRGLE
JUST GET TO THE LUNCH BUFFET FOR NOW.
JUMPS ALWAYS DO MAKE YOU HUNGRY.
キュルル
THE COORDINATE SPACE THESE DAYS IS PEACEFUL.
I HAVEN'T SEEN RED-HAIR NOR HAS MY NAVI APPEARED BEFORE ME AS MY BROTHER KEN.
IT MUST BE THE RESULT OF THE COUNSELLING AND IMAGE TRAINING SESSIONS.
I SHOULD BE FINE NOW...

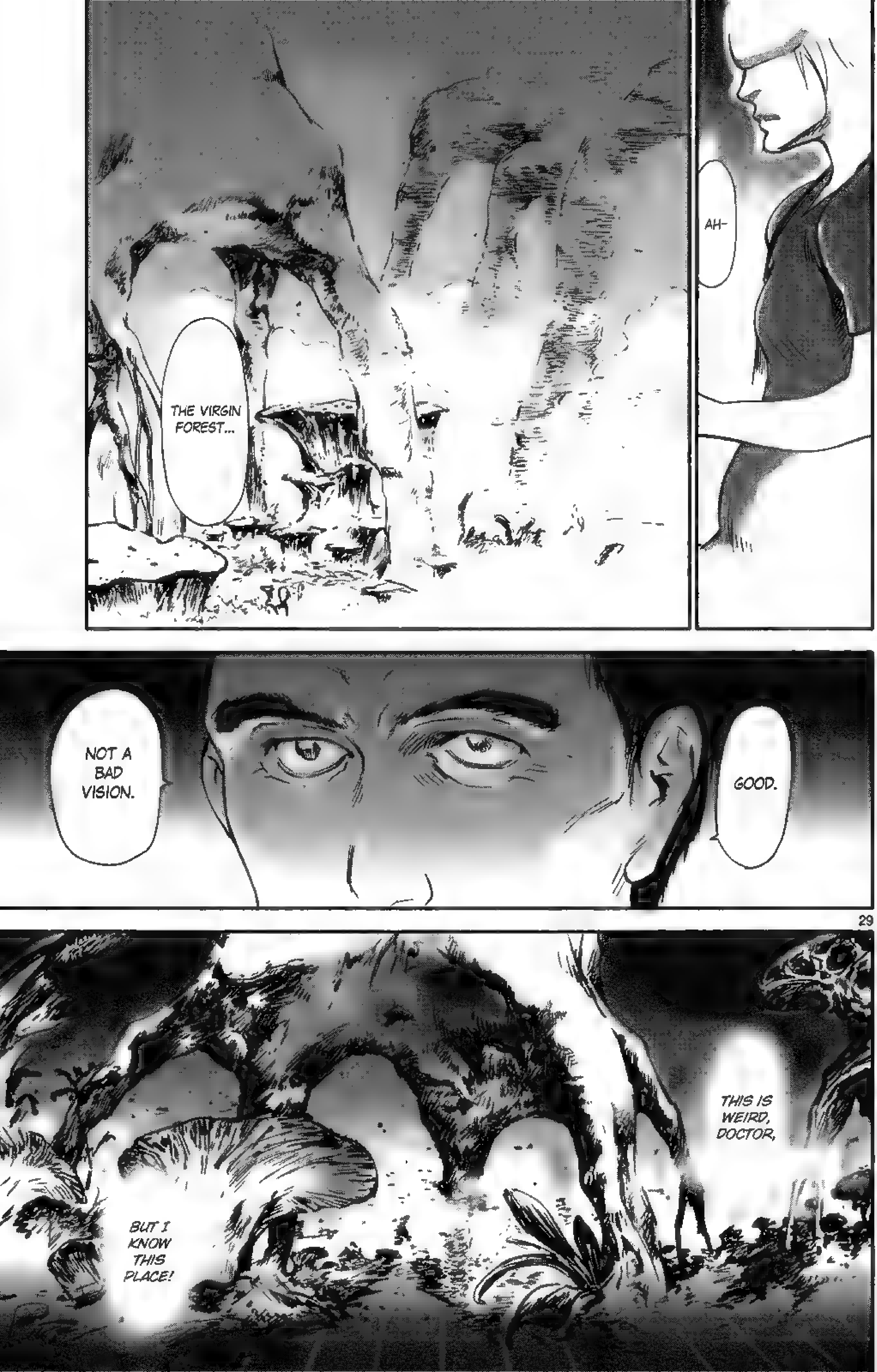


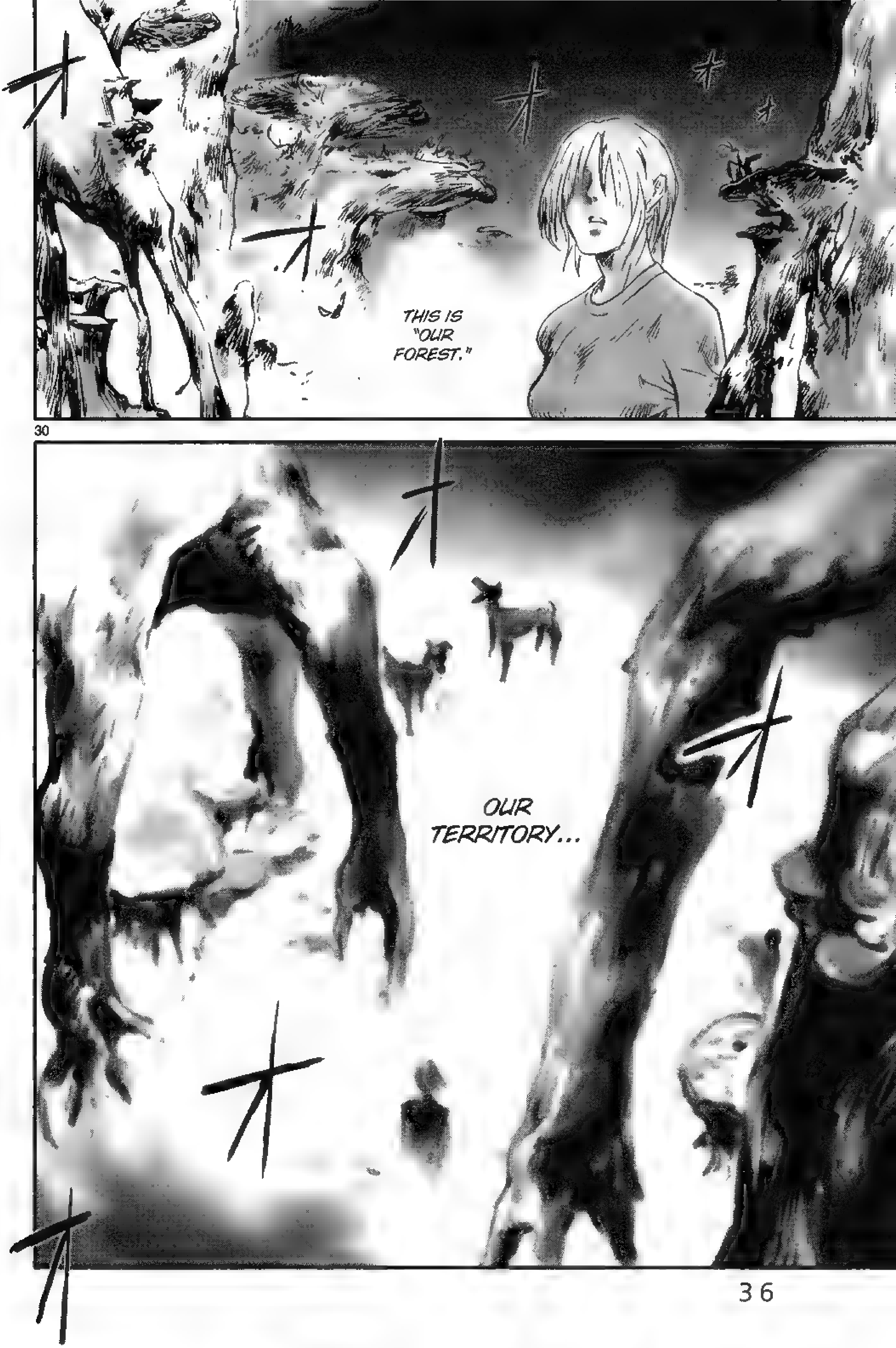
I CAN BECOME A GYMNAST
EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FINE NOW...
SPECIALIST OSA


OVER HERE.
MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE.
YES, DR. HERMAN.




UMM... THIS TREATMENT,
WILL PROBABLY CHANGE,
HOW YOU VISUALIZE THE COORDINATE SPACE.
THE CHANGE MIGHT BEWILDER YOU AT FIRST,
BUT...
JUST TRY TO STAY CALM.
YOUR NEW VISION WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET BETTER RESULTS.
OK THEN.
TELL ME,
WHAT DO YOU SEE?


AH-
THE VIRGIN FOREST...
GOOD.
NOT A BAD VISION.
THIS IS WEIRD, DOCTOR,
BUT I KNOW THIS PLACE!



THIS IS "OUR FOREST."
OUR TERRITORY...

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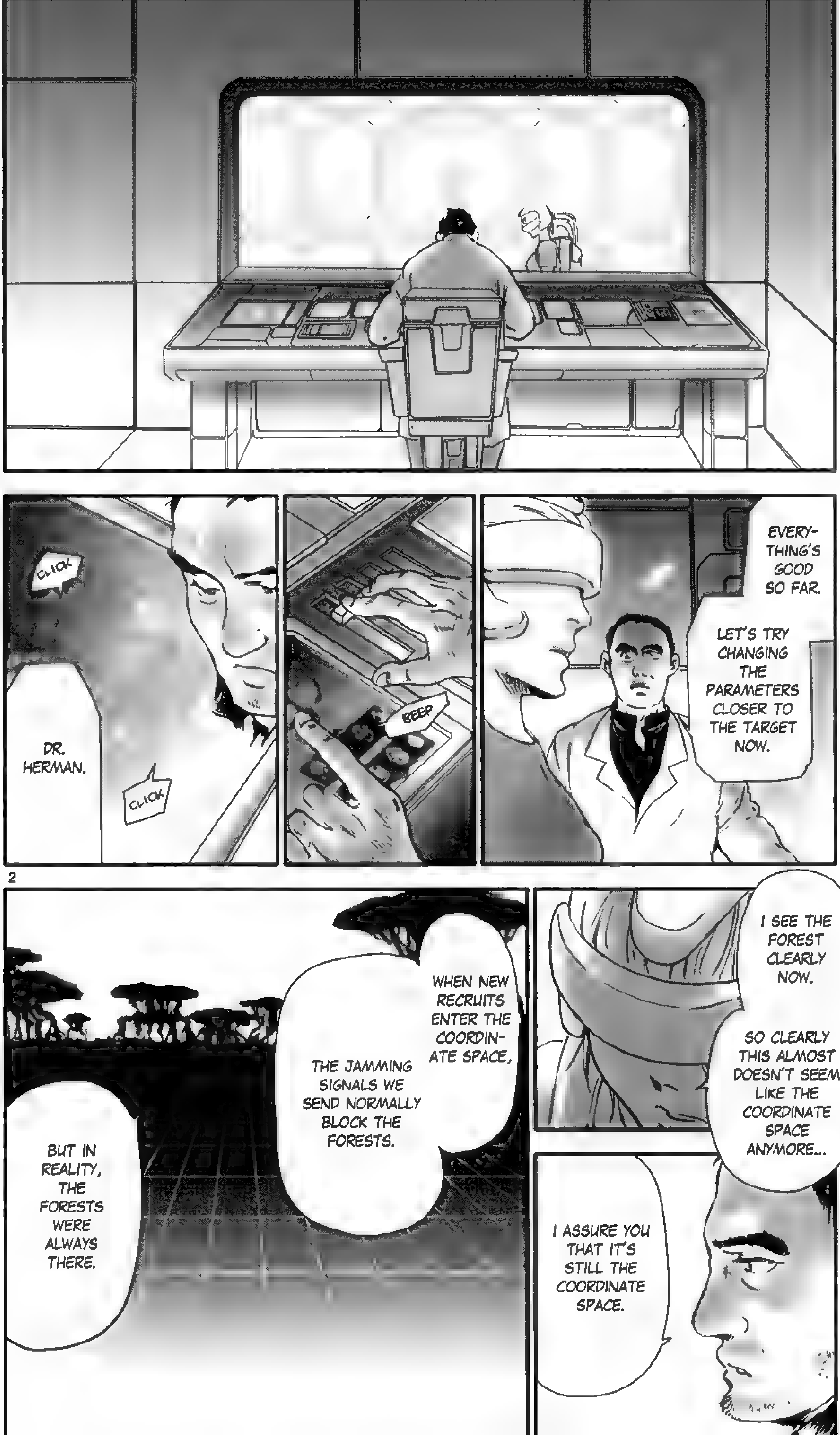
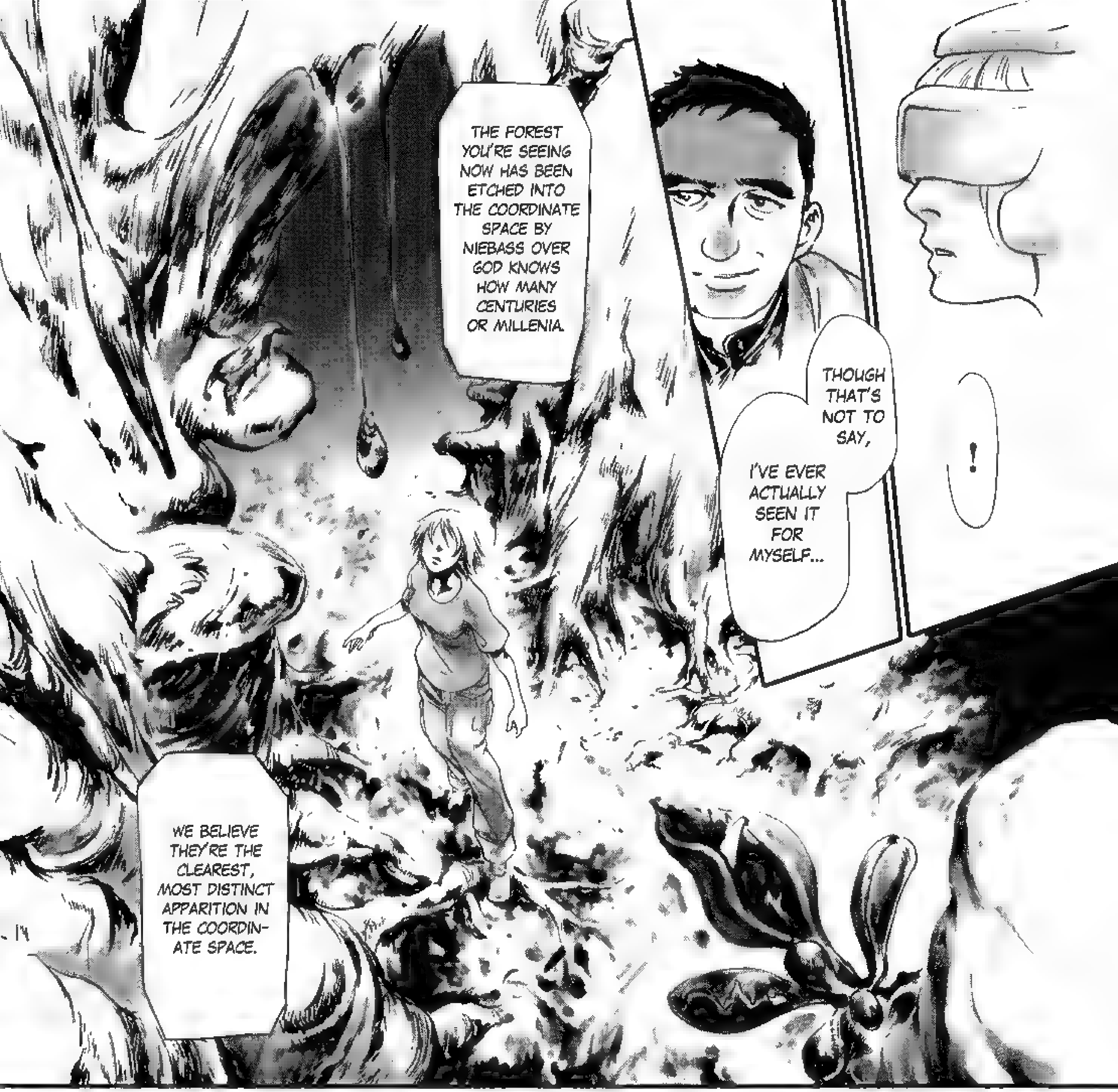
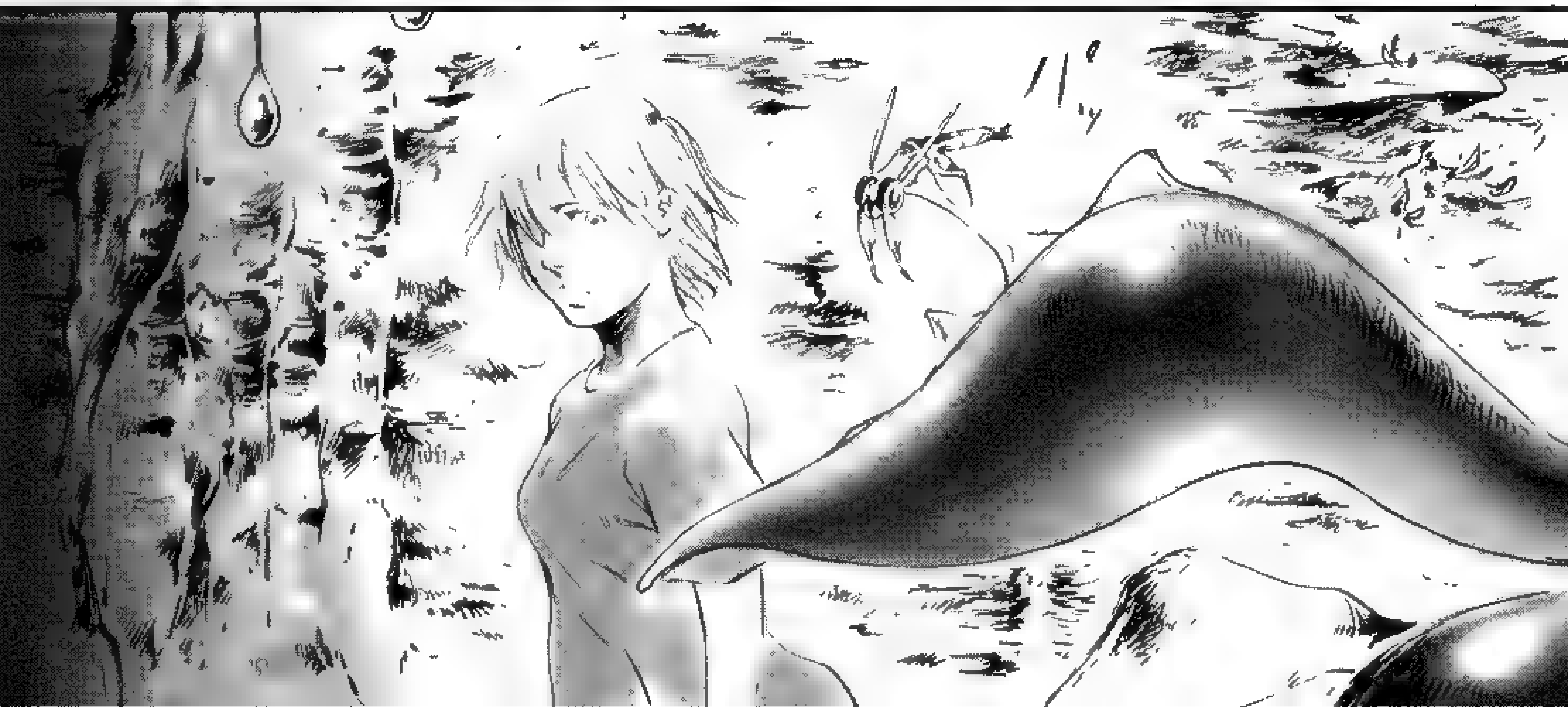
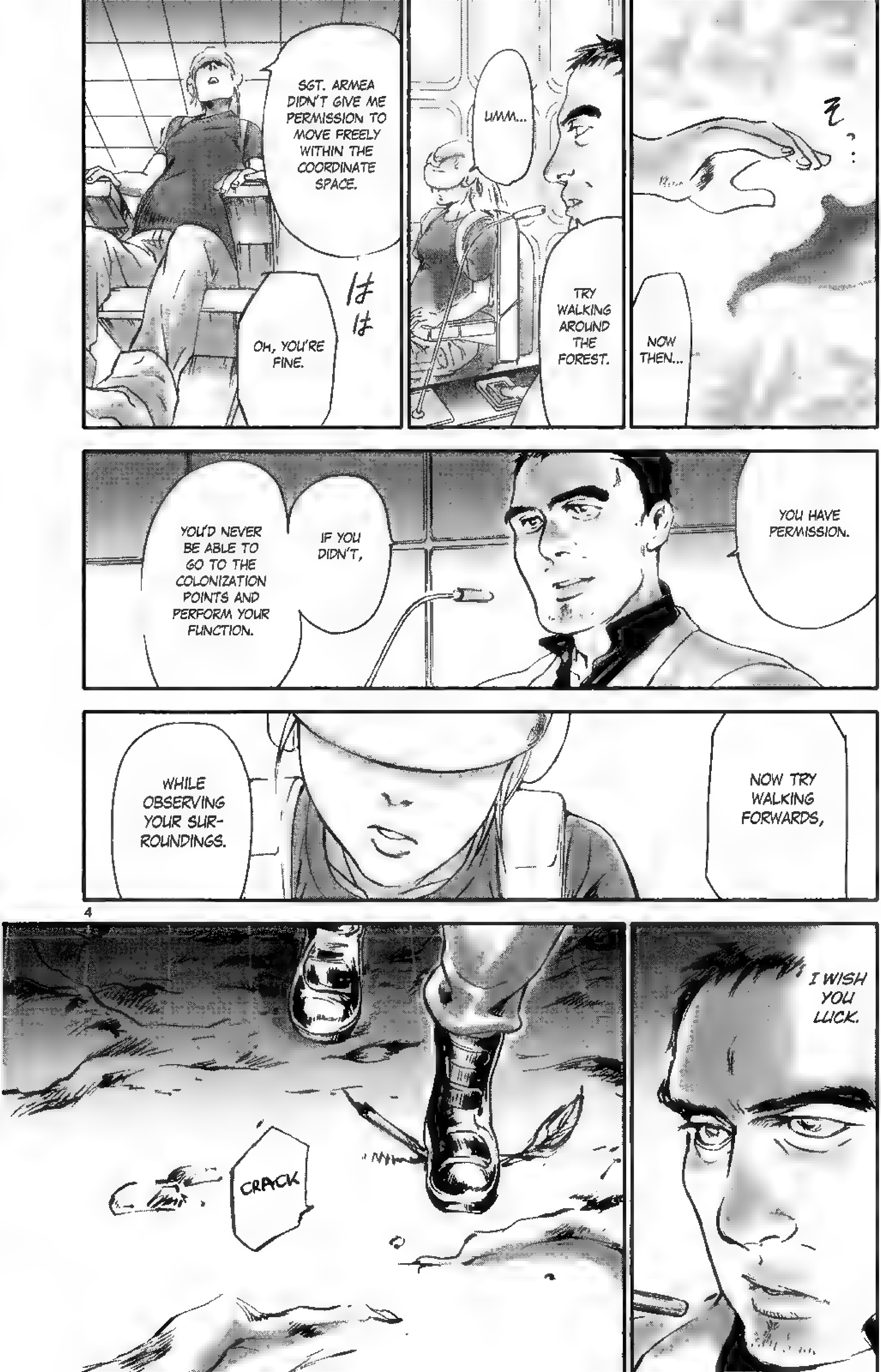
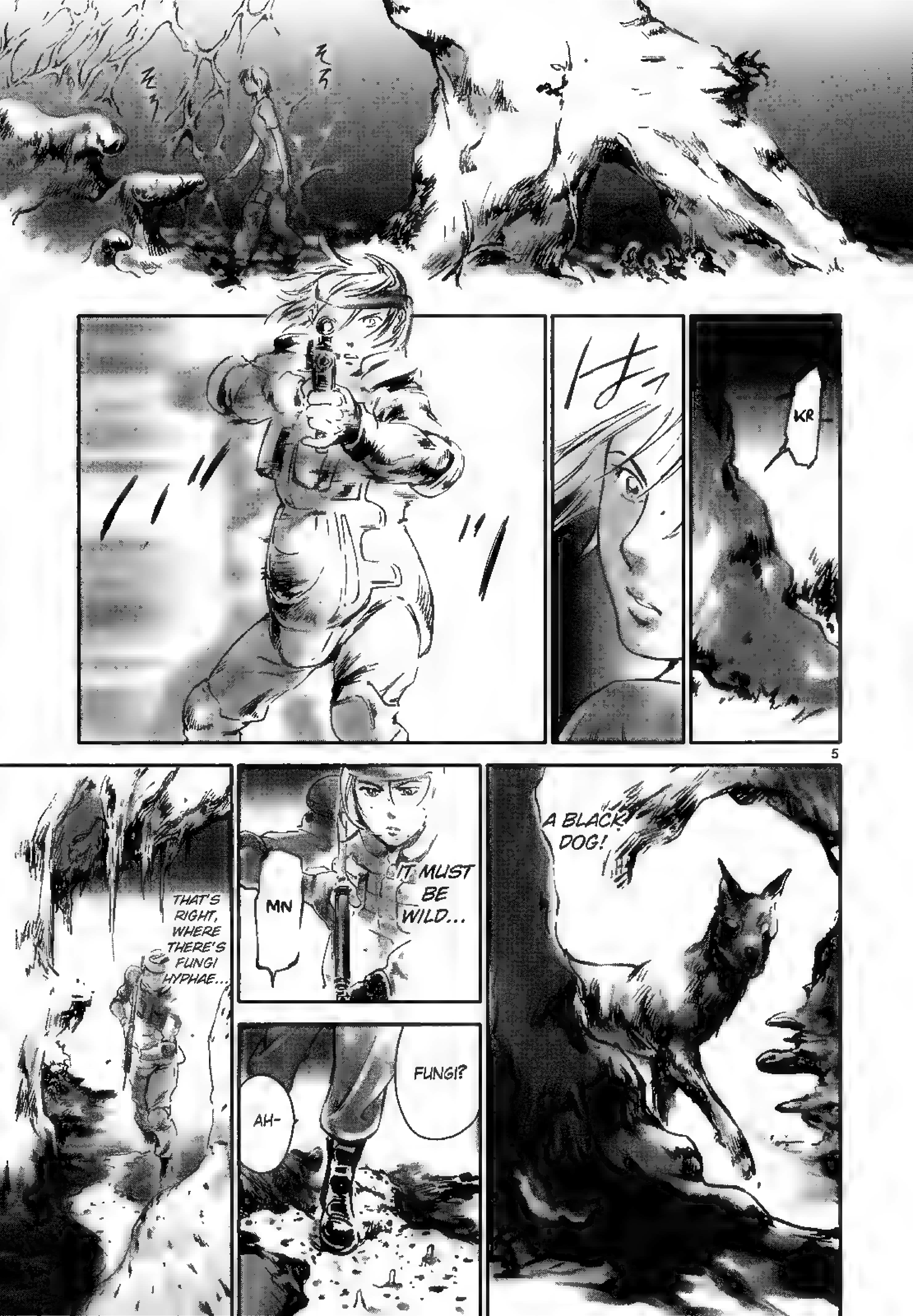

EVERYTHING'S GOOD SO FAR.
LET'S TRY CHANGING THE PARAMETERS CLOSER TO THE TARGET NOW.
BEEP
CLICK
DR. HERMAN.
CLICK
I SEE THE FOREST CLEARLY NOW.
SO CLEARLY THIS ALMOST DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE COORDINATE SPACE ANYMORE...
I ASSURE YOU THAT IT'S STILL THE COORDINATE SPACE.
WHEN NEW RECRUITS ENTER THE COORDINATE SPACE,
THE JAMMING SIGNALS WE SEND NORMALLY BLOCK THE FORESTS.
BUT IN REALITY, THE FORESTS WERE ALWAYS THERE.


THE FOREST YOU'RE SEEING NOW HAS BEEN ETCHED INTO THE COORDINATE SPACE BY NIEBASS OVER GOD KNOWS HOW MANY CENTURIES OR MILLENIA.
THOUGH THAT'S NOT TO SAY,
I'VE EVER ACTUALLY SEEN IT FOR MYSELF...
!
WE BELIEVE THEY'RE THE CLEAREST, MOST DISTINCT APPARITION IN THE COORDINATE SPACE.




ぞ…
NOW THEN...
TRY WALKING AROUND THE FOREST.
UMM...
SGT. ARMEA DIDN'T GIVE ME PERMISSION TO MOVE FREELY WITHIN THE COORDINATE SPACE.
はは
OH, YOU'RE FINE.
YOU HAVE PERMISSION.
IF YOU DIDN'T,
YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO GO TO THE COLONIZATION POINTS AND PERFORM YOUR FUNCTION.
NOW TRY WALKING FORWARDS,
WHILE OBSERVING YOUR SURROUNDINGS.
I WISH YOU LUCK.
CRACK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A BLACK DOG!
IT MUST BE WILD...
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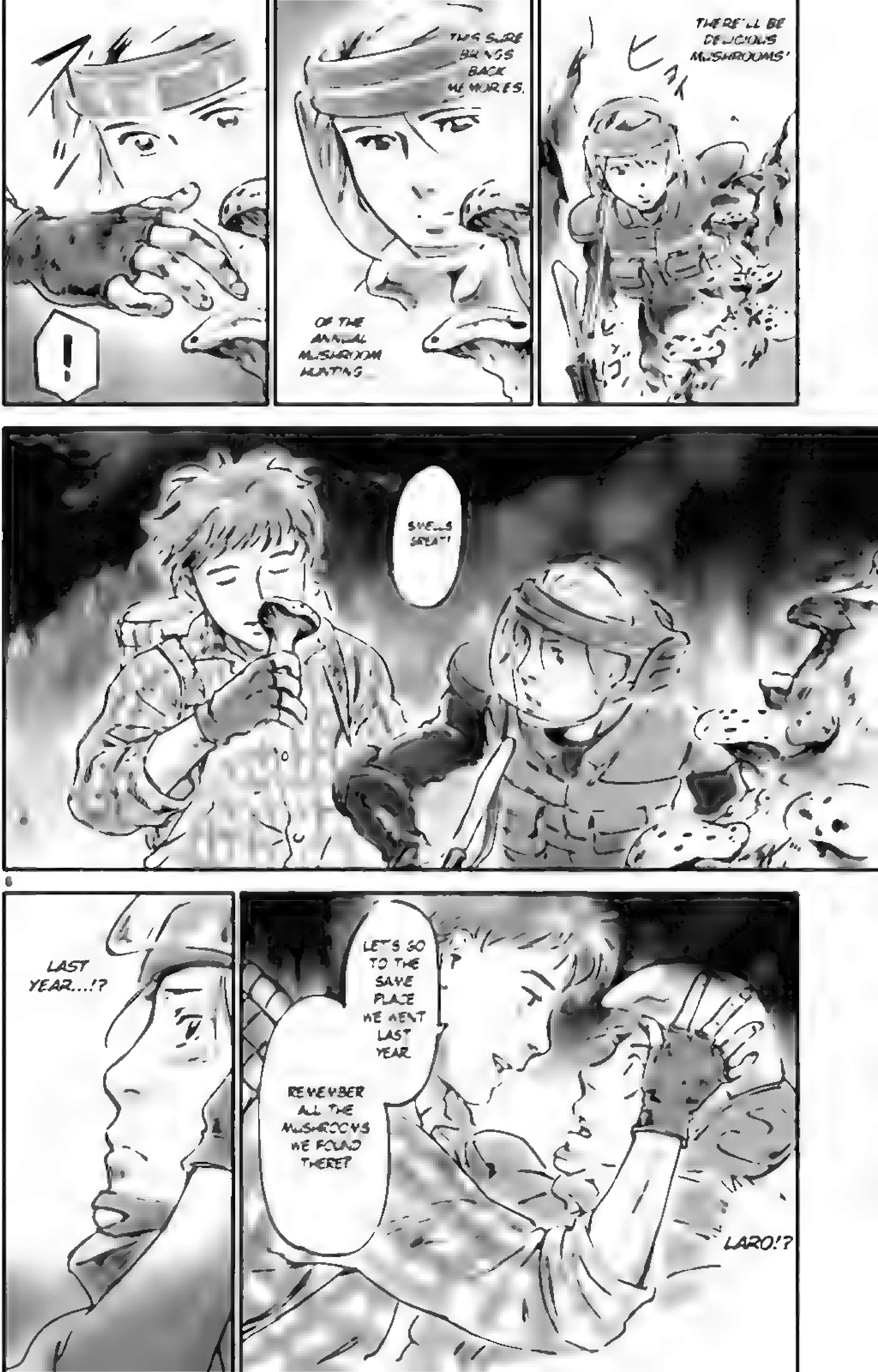
FUNGI?
AH-
THAT'S RIGHT, WHERE THERE'S FUNGI HYPHAE...


THERE'LL BE DELICIOUS MUSHROOMS!
THIS SURE BRINGS BACK MEMORIES.
OF THE ANNUAL MUSHROOM HUNTING...
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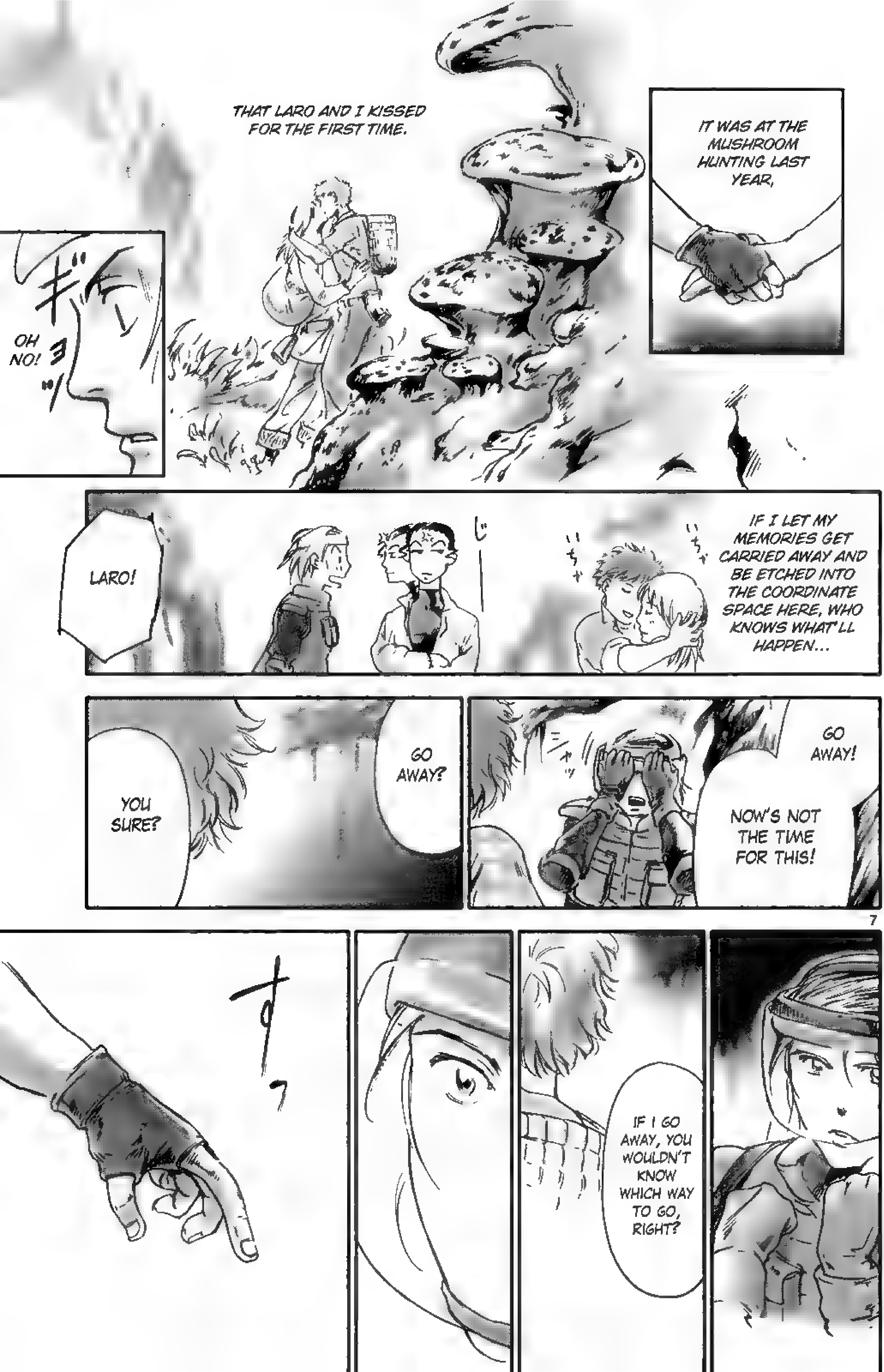
SMELLS GREAT!
LET'S GO TO THE SAME PLACE WE WENT LAST YEAR
REMEMBER ALL THE MUSHROOMS WE FOUND THERE?
LARO!?
LAST YEAR...!?


IT WAS AT THE MUSHROOM HUNTING LAST YEAR,
THAT LARO AND I KISSED FOR THE FIRST TIME.
OH NO!
IF I LET MY MEMORIES GET CARRIED AWAY AND BE ETCHED INTO THE COORDINATE SPACE HERE, WHO KNOWS WHAT'LL HAPPEN...
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LARO!
GO AWAY!
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THIS!
GO AWAY?
YOU SURE?
IF I GO AWAY, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO, RIGHT?
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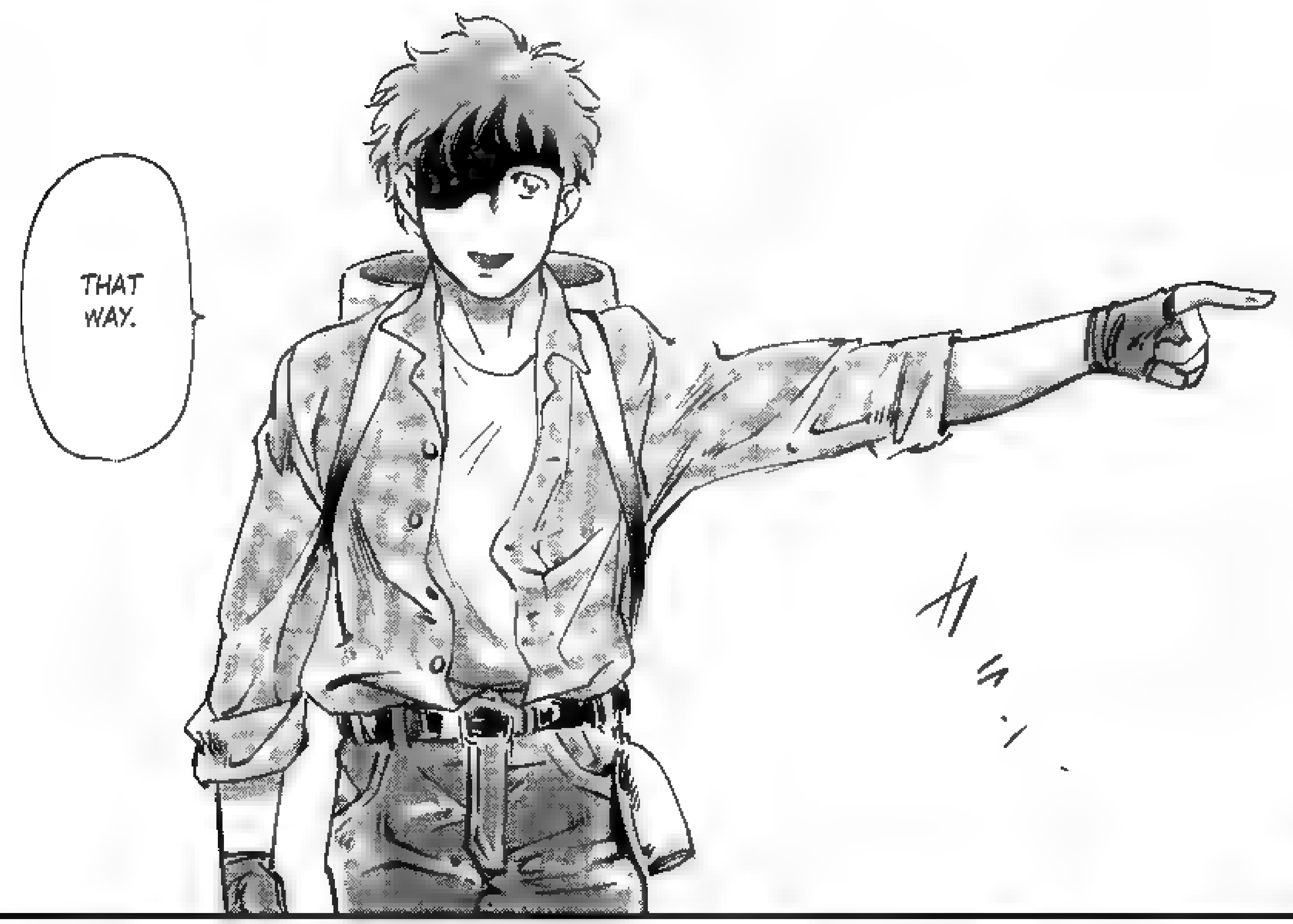
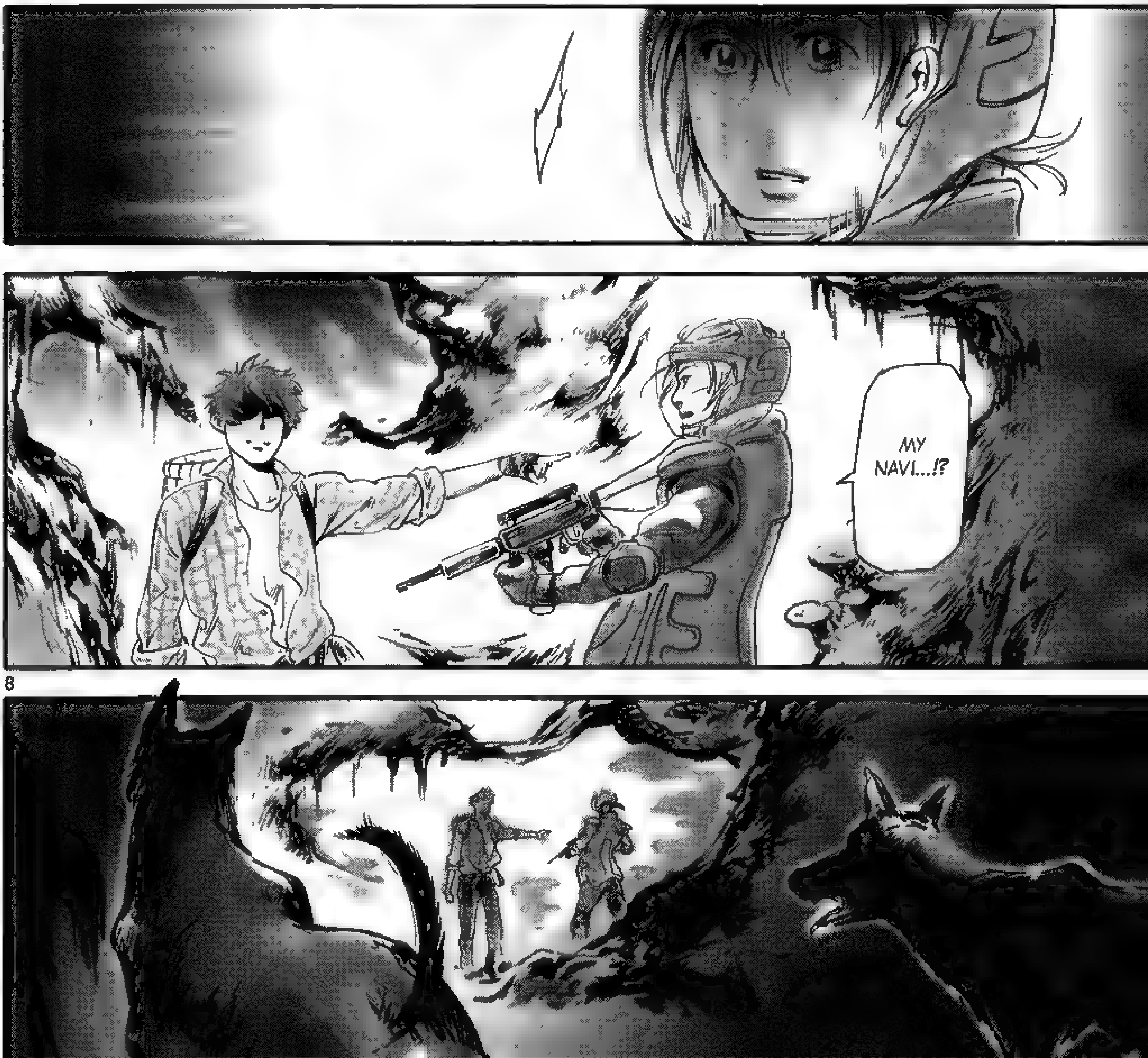
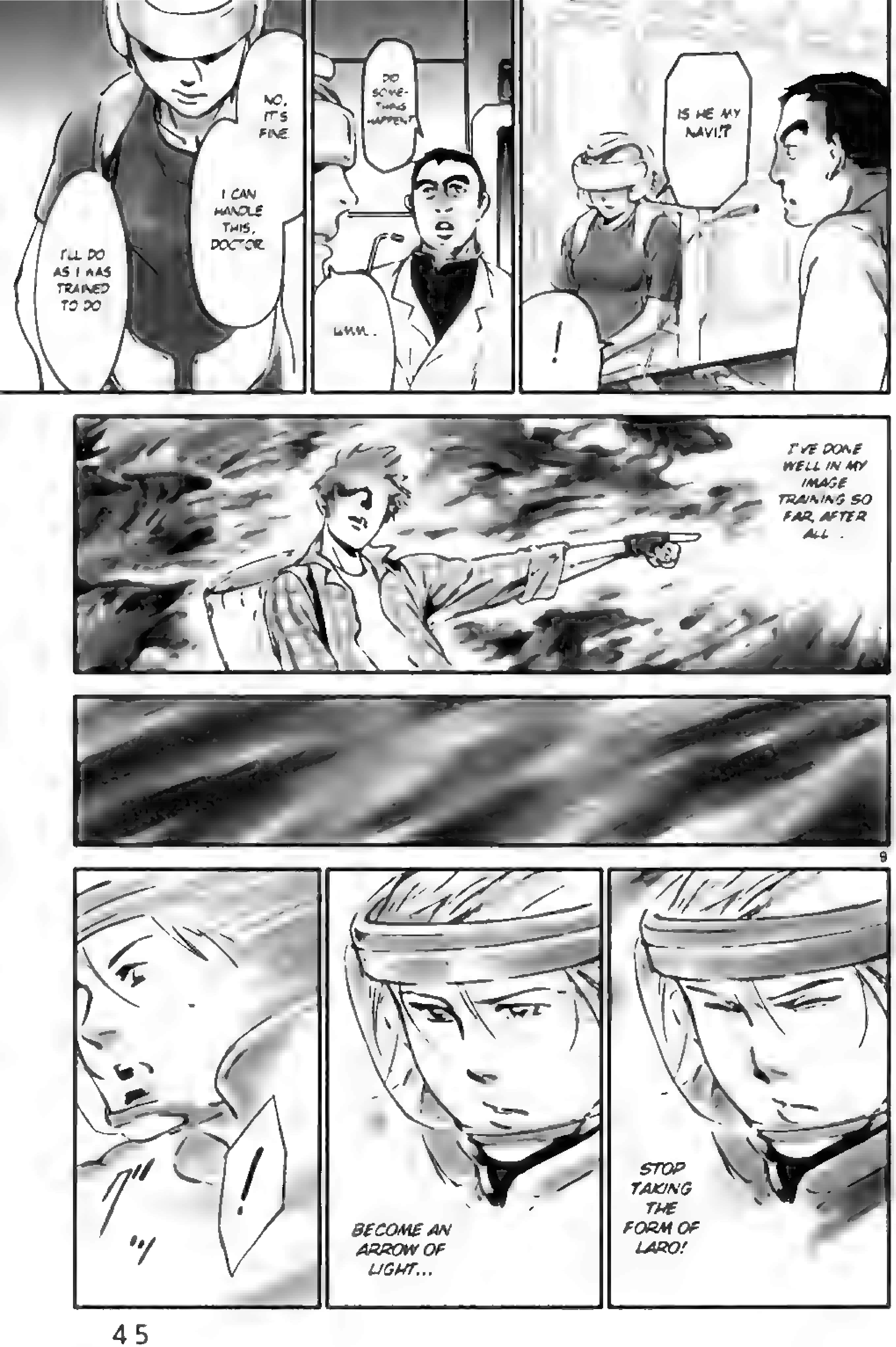

THAT WAY.


MY NAVI...!?


NO, IT'S FINE
I CAN HANDLE THIS, DOCTOR
I'LL DO AS I WAS TRAINED TO DO
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
UMM...
IS HE MY NAVI!?
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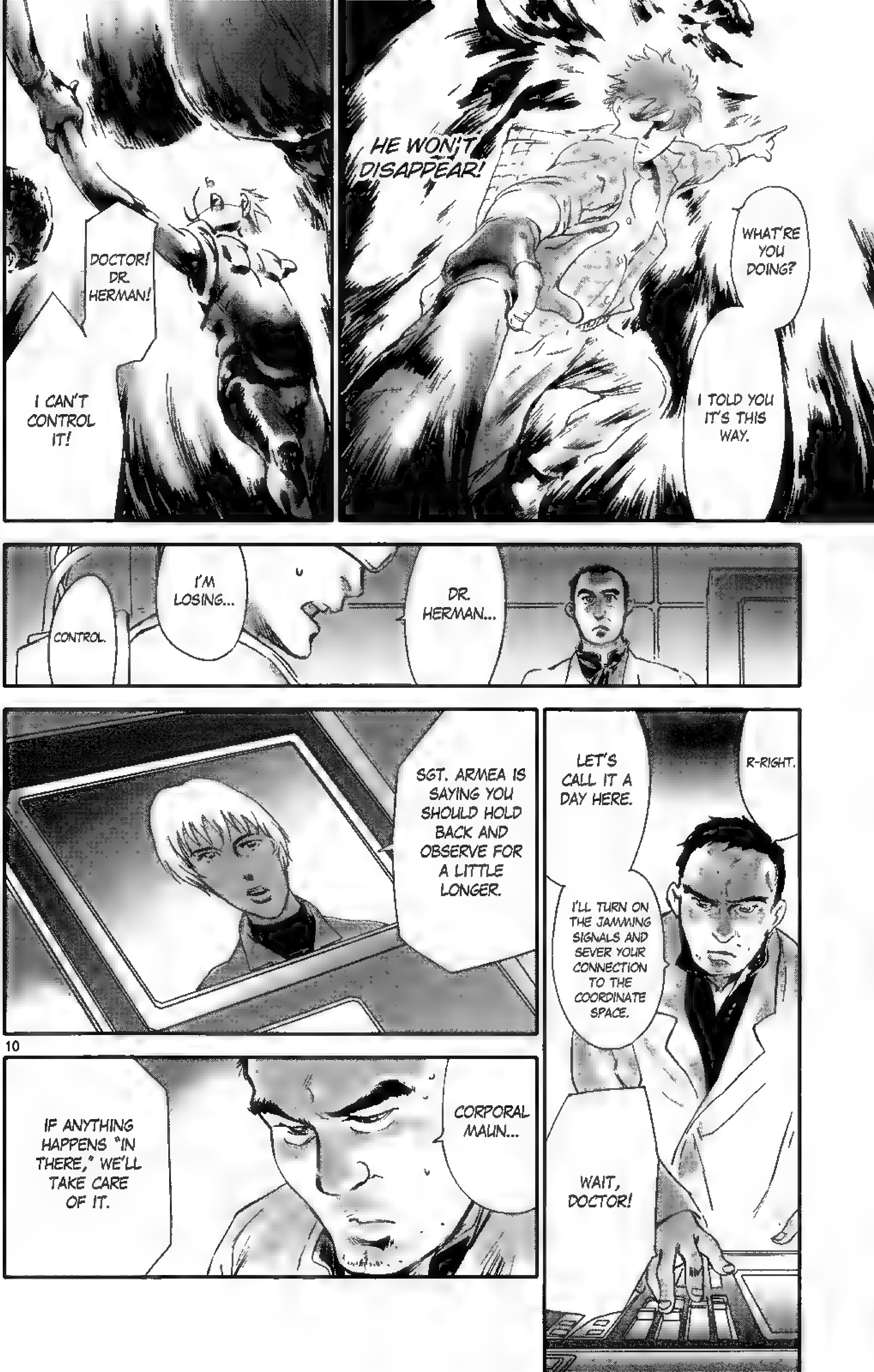
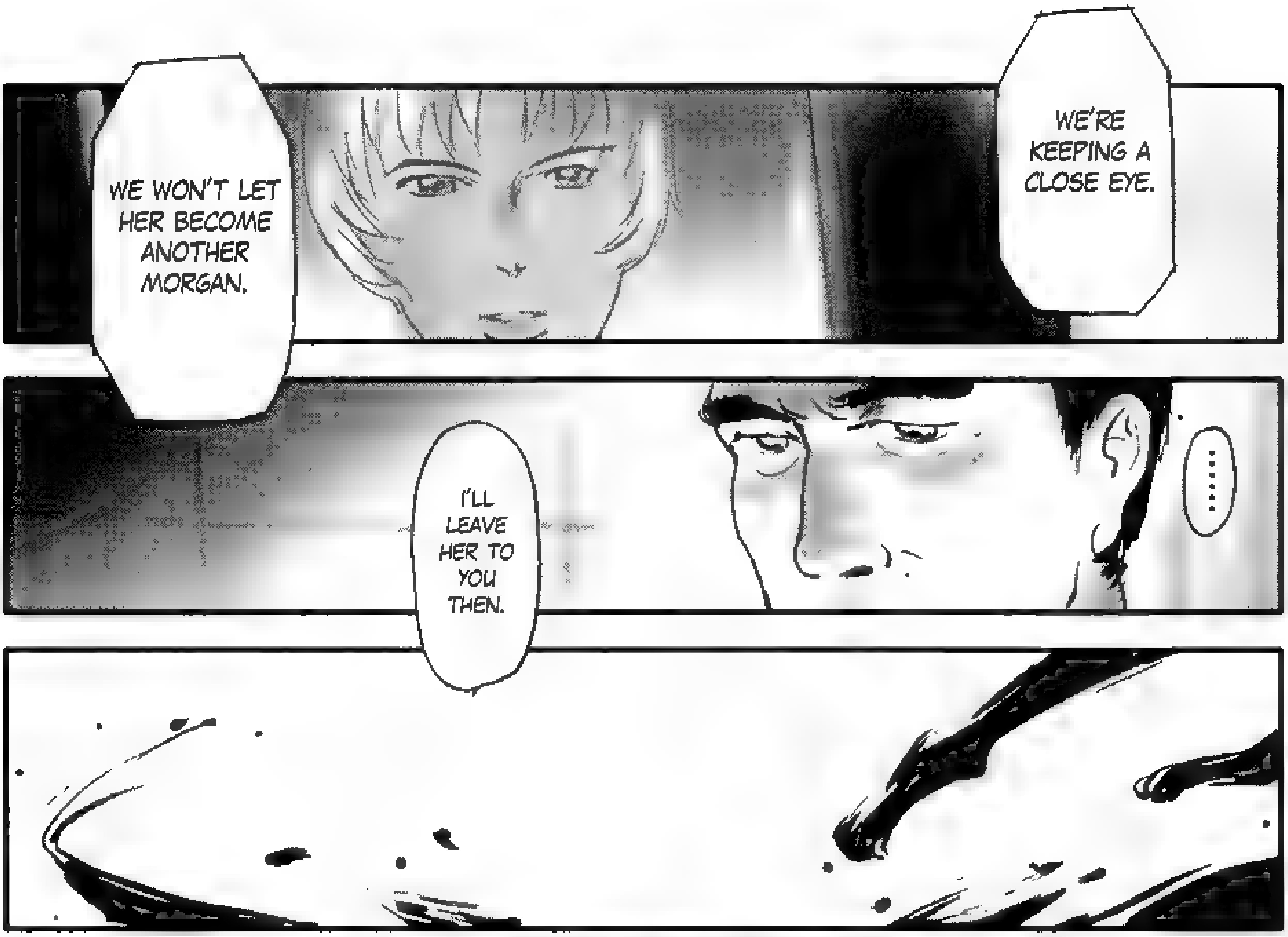
I'VE DONE WELL IN MY IMAGE TRAINING SO FAR, AFTER ALL.
!
BECOME AN ARROW OF LIGHT...
STOP TAKING THE FORM OF LARO!


WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
I TOLD YOU IT'S THIS WAY.
HE WON'T DISAPPEAR!
DOCTOR! DR. HERMAN!
I CAN'T CONTROL IT!
DR. HERMAN...
I'M LOSING...
CONTROL.
R-RIGHT.
LET'S CALL IT A DAY HERE.
I'LL TURN ON THE JAMMING SIGNALS AND SEVER YOUR CONNECTION TO THE COORDINATE SPACE.
SGT. ARMEA IS SAYING YOU SHOULD HOLD BACK AND OBSERVE FOR A LITTLE LONGER.
WAIT, DOCTOR!
CORPORAL MAUN...
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS "IN THERE," WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.


WE'RE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE.
WE WON'T LET HER BECOME ANOTHER MORGAN.
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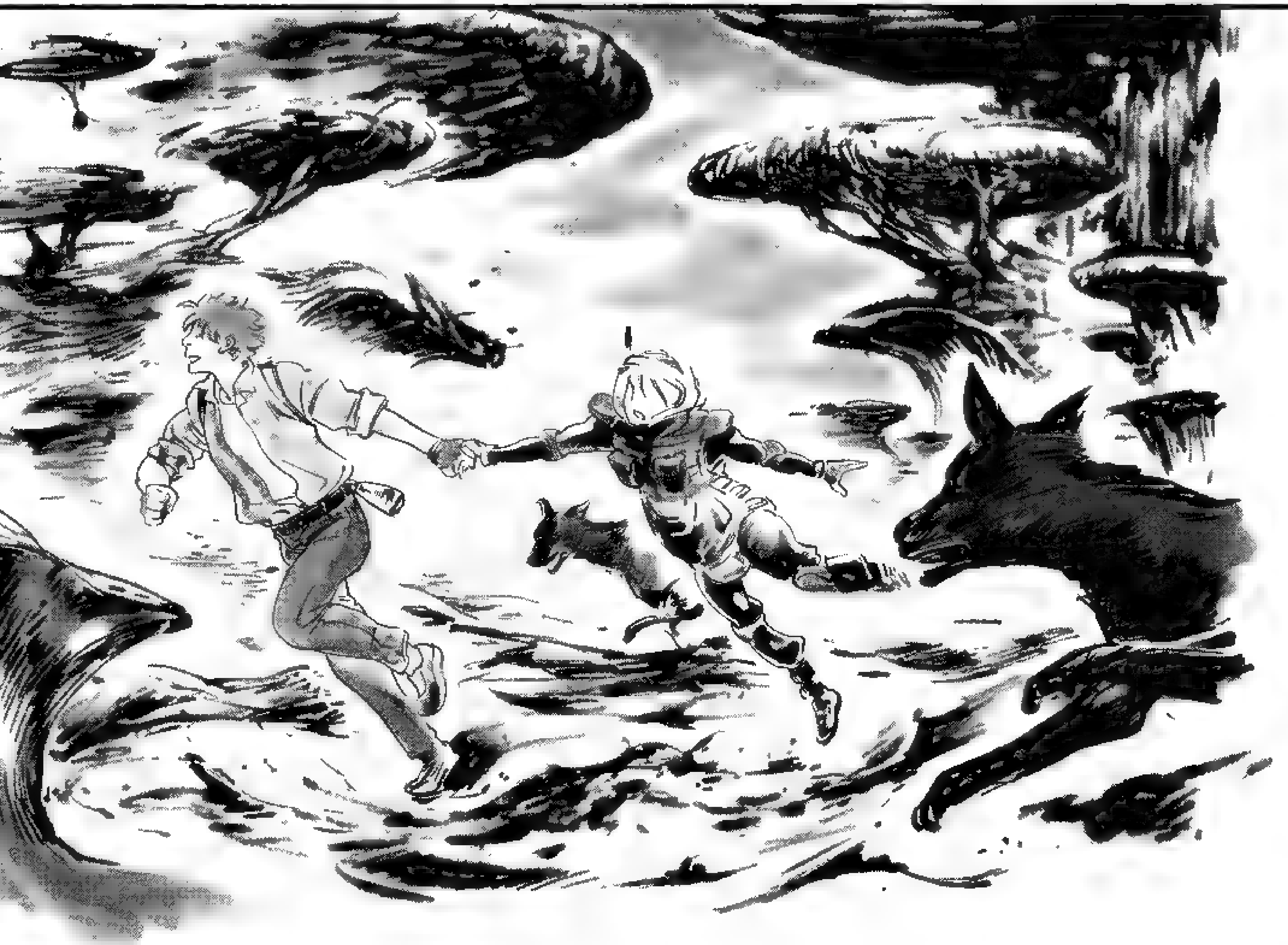
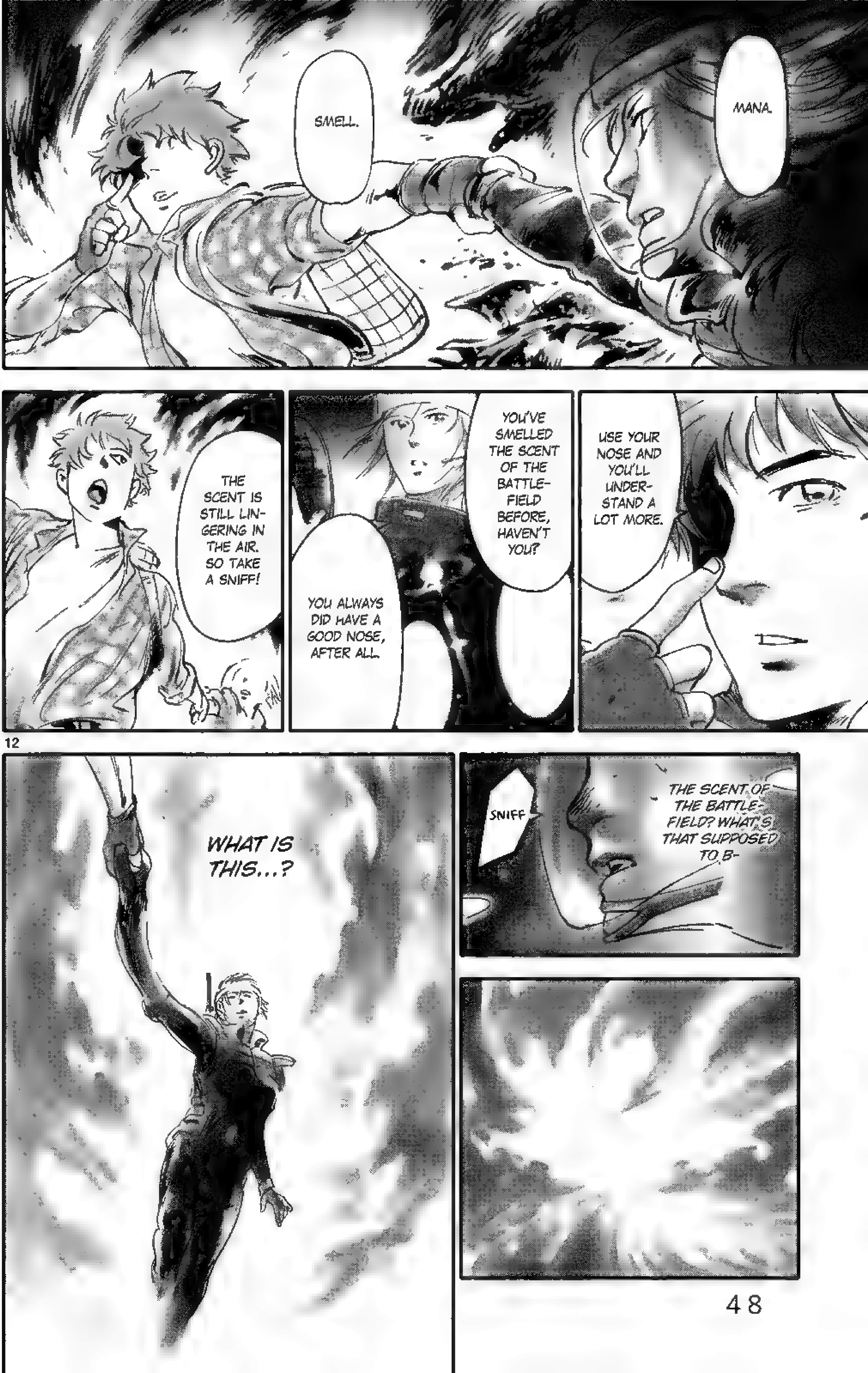
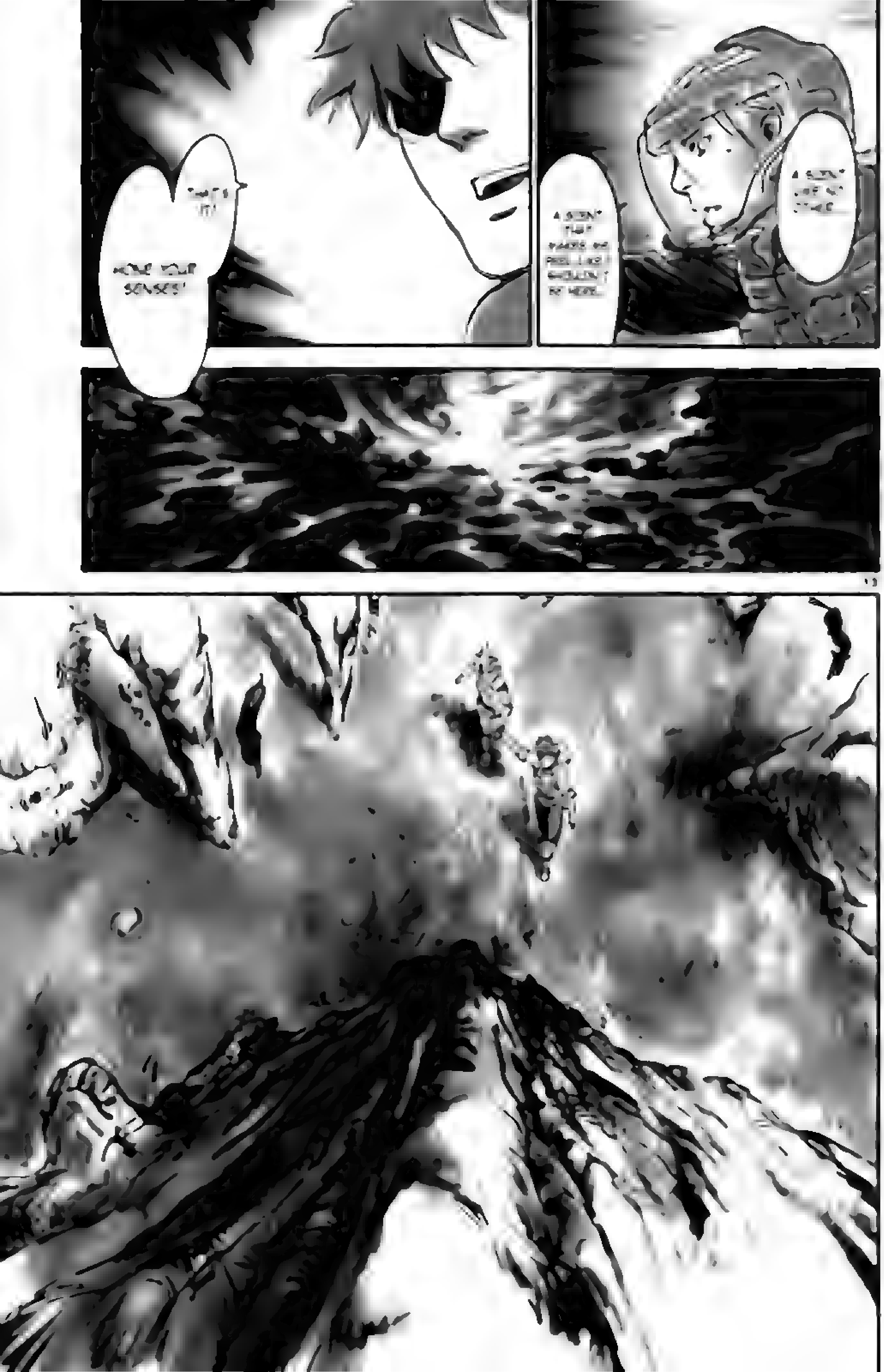
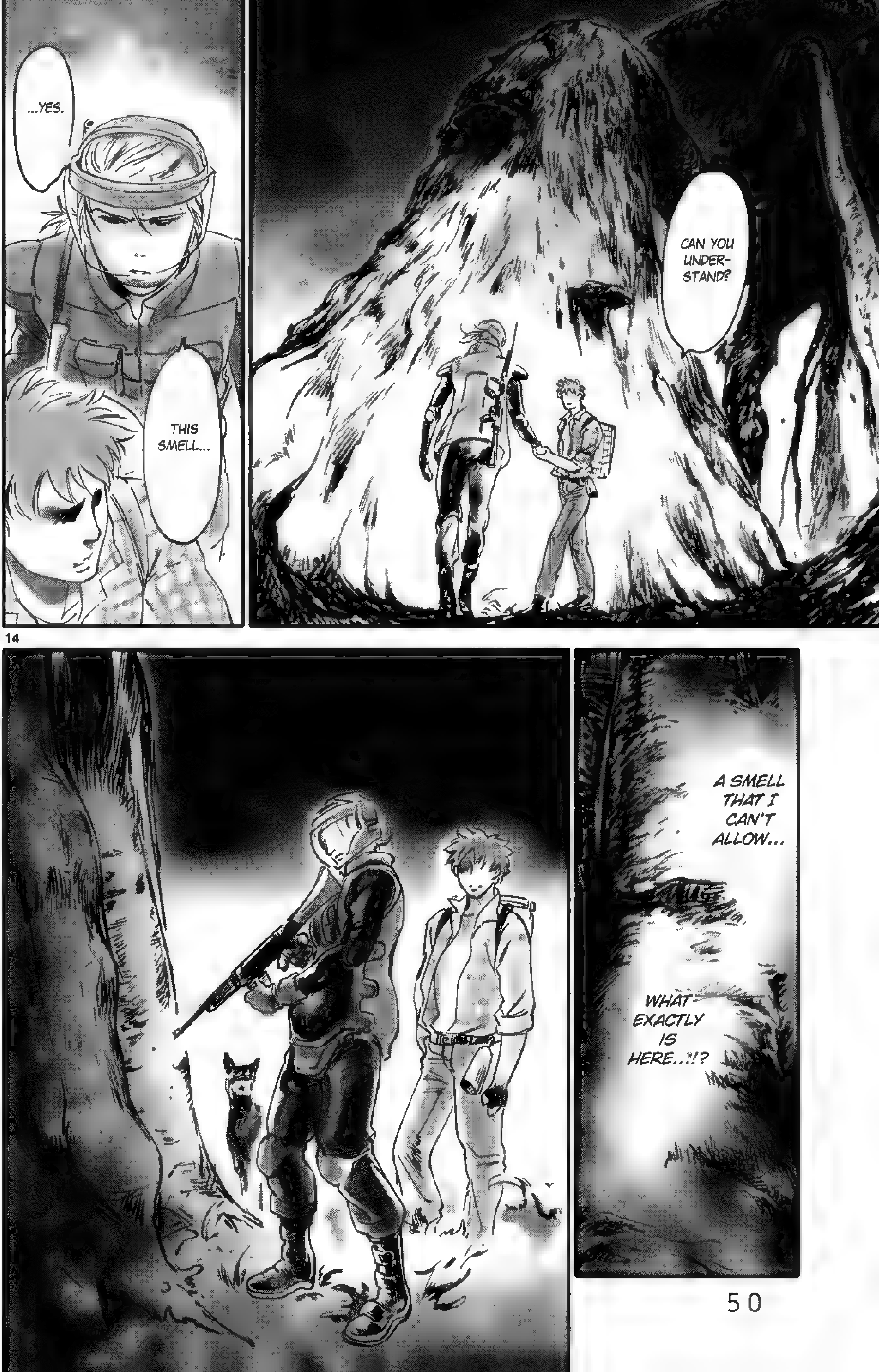
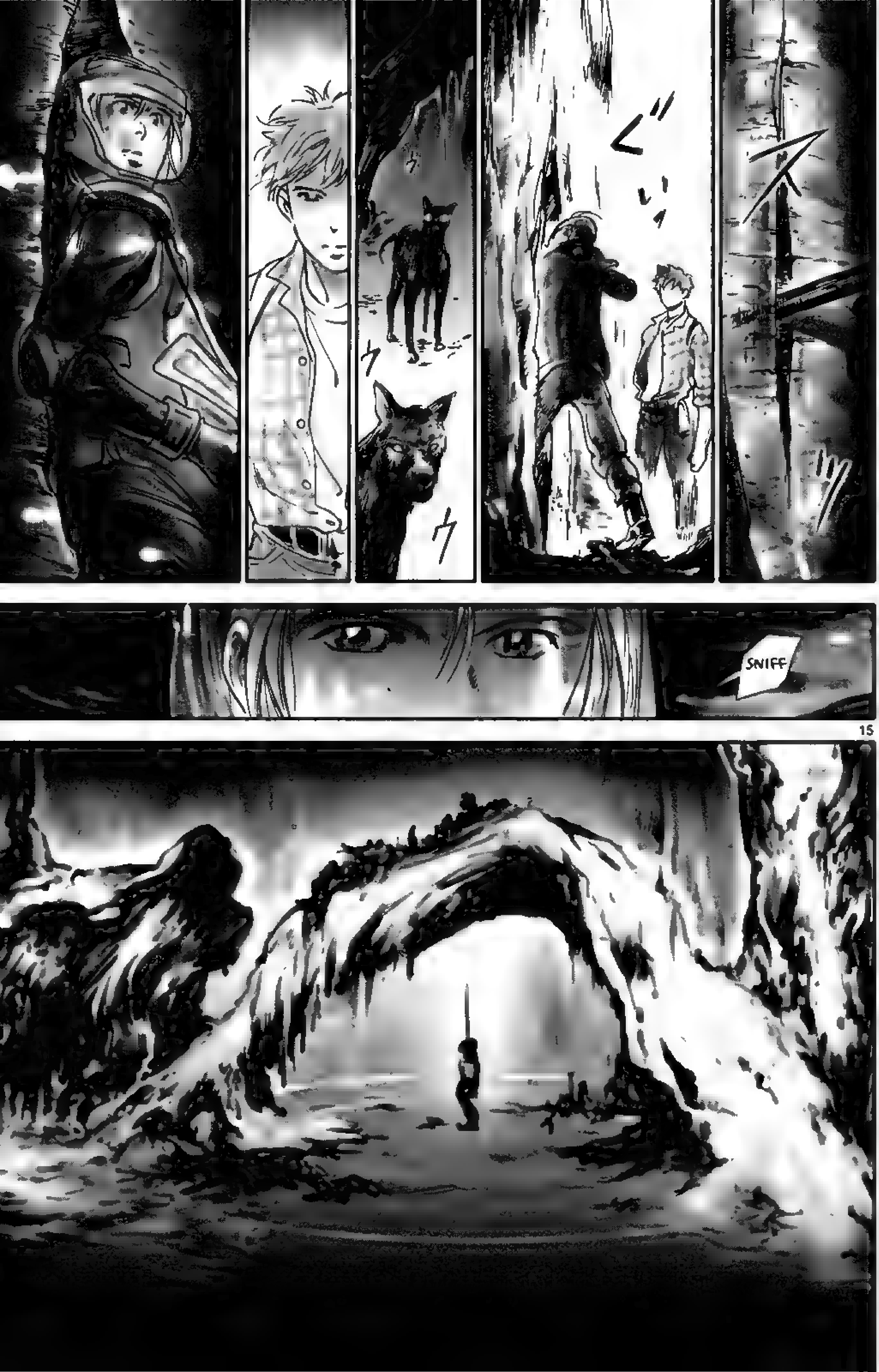
I'LL LEAVE HER TO YOU THEN.




MANA.
SMELL.
USE YOUR NOSE AND YOU'LL UNDERSTAND A LOT MORE.
YOU'VE SMELLED THE SCENT OF THE BATTLEFIELD BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?
YOU ALWAYS DID HAVE A GOOD NOSE, AFTER ALL.
THE SCENT IS STILL LINGERING IN THE AIR. SO TAKE A SNIFF!
SNIFF
THE SCENT OF THE BATTLEFIELD? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO B-
WHAT IS THIS...?


A SCENT LIKE NO OTHER...
A SCENT THAT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I SHOULDN'T BE HERE...
THAT'S IT! HONE YOUR SENSES!


CAN YOU UNDERSTAND?
...YES.
THIS SMELL...
A SMELL THAT I CAN'T ALLOW...
WHAT EXACTLY IS HERE..!!?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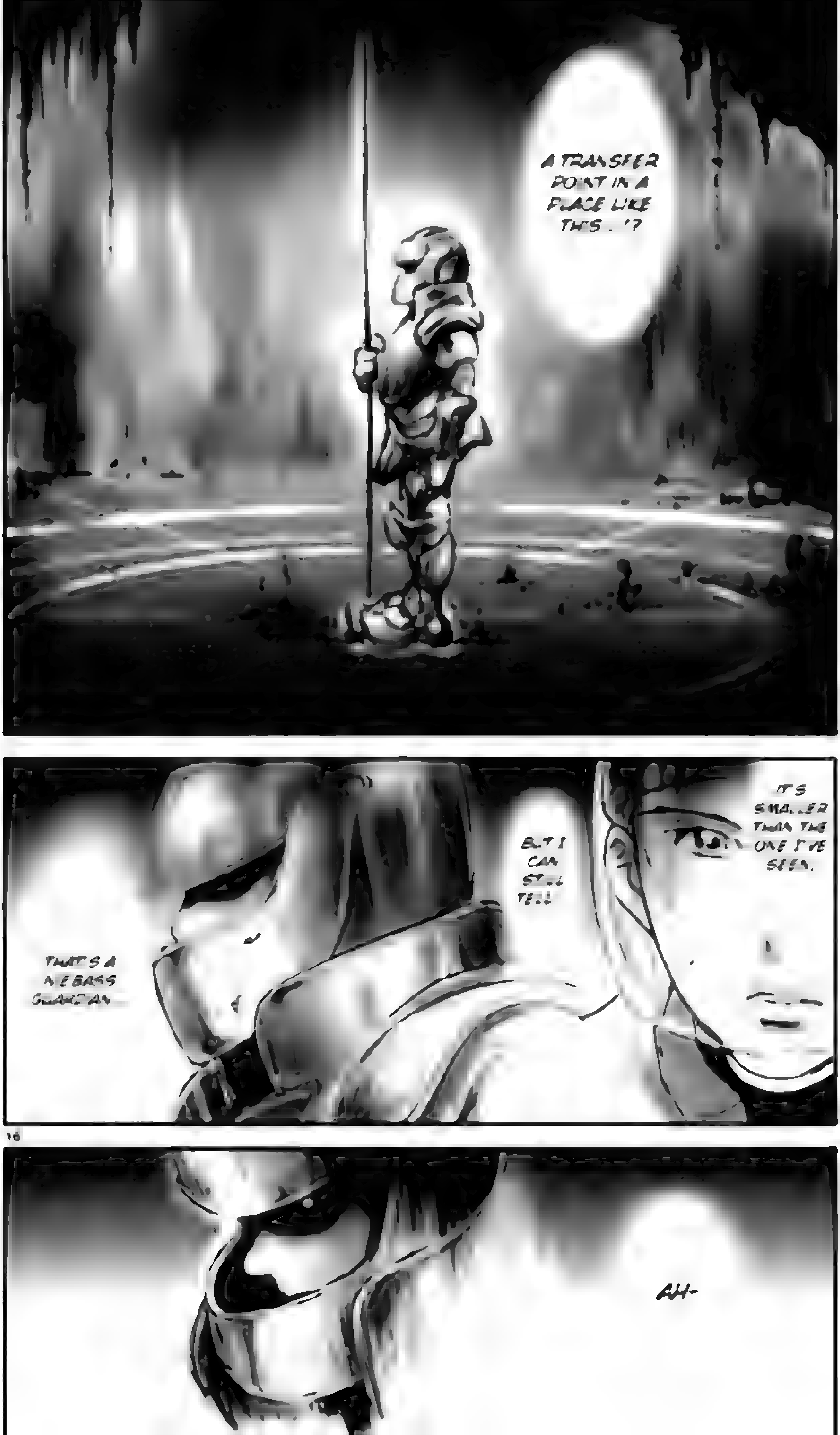
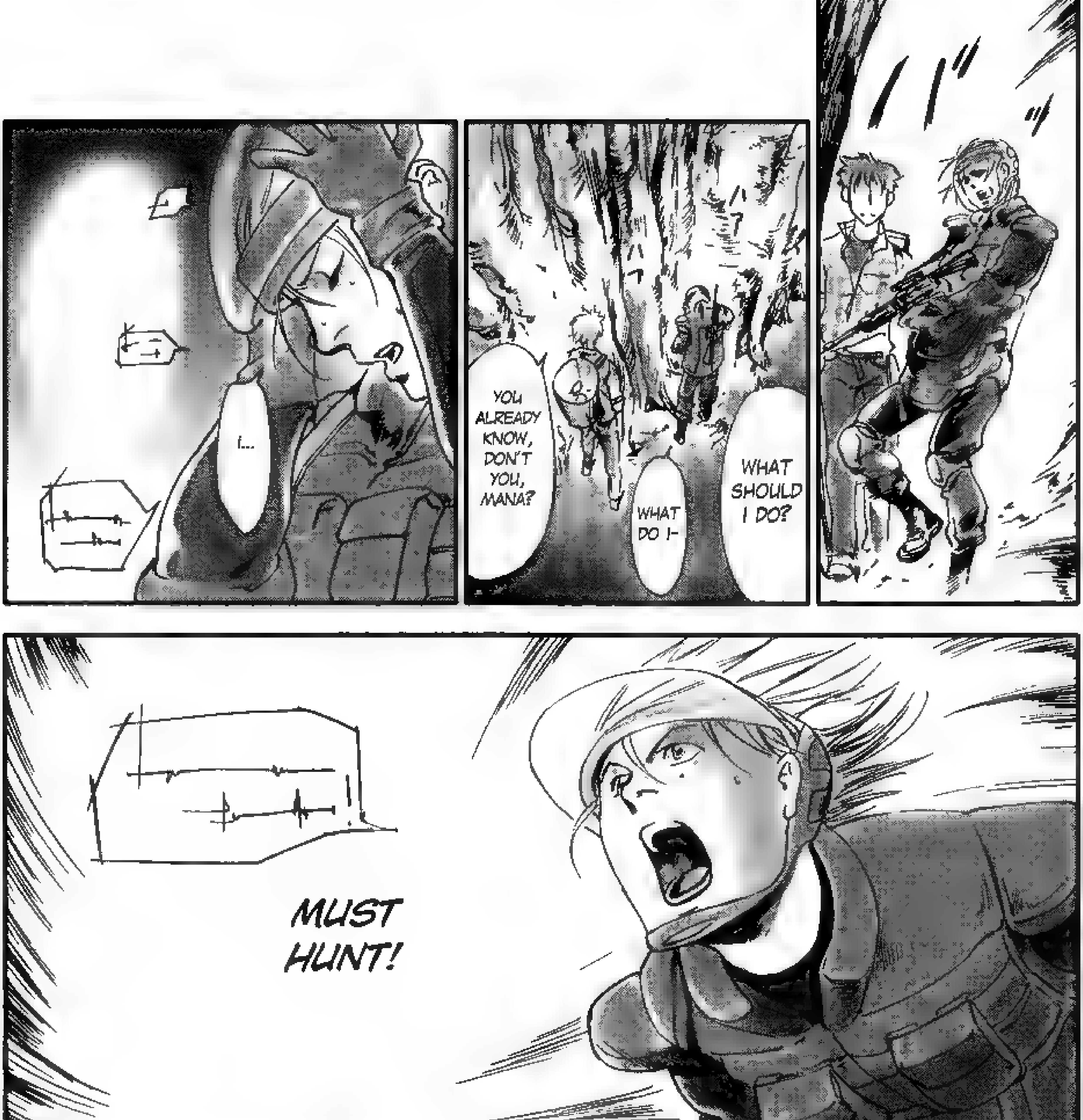
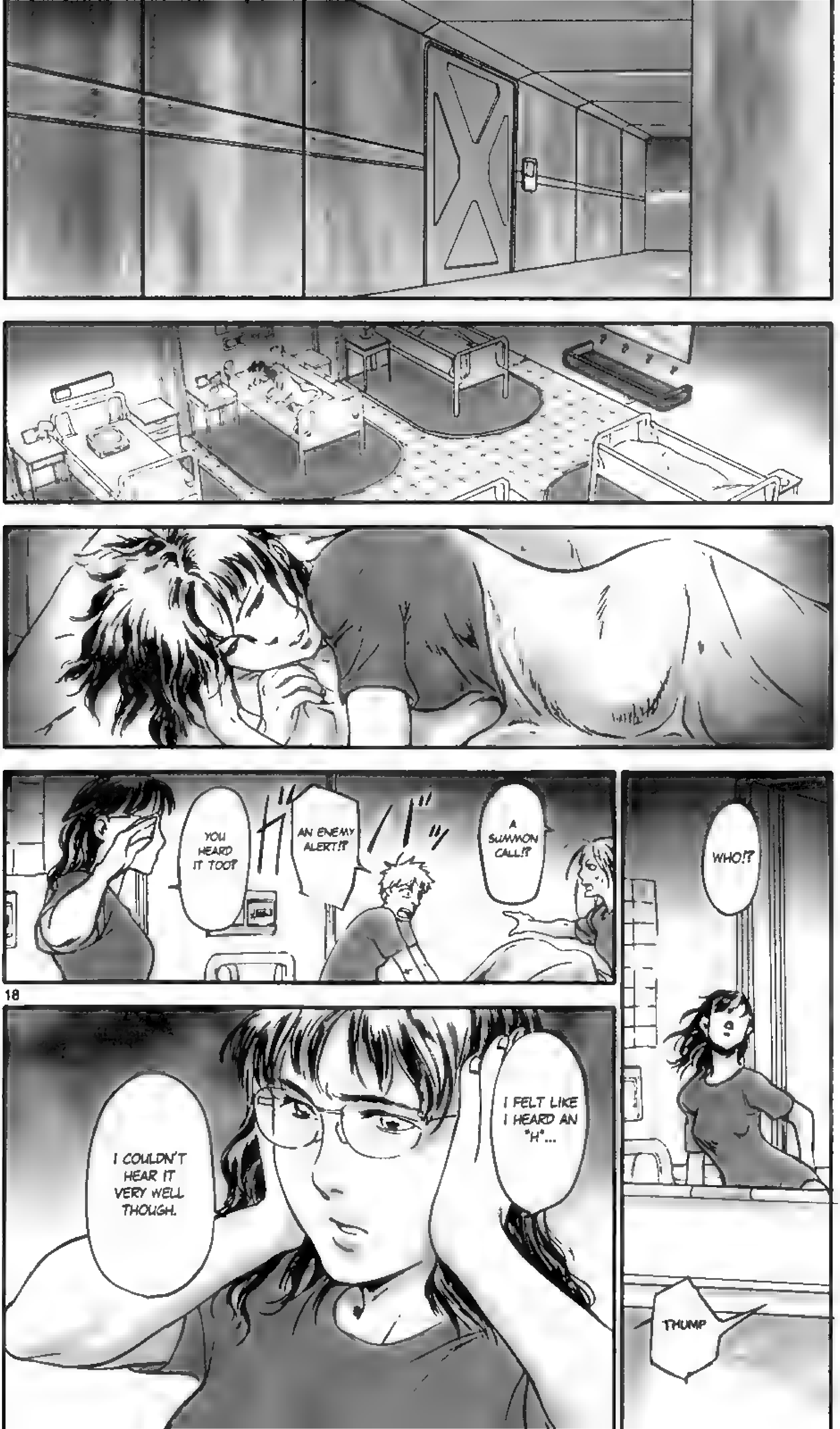
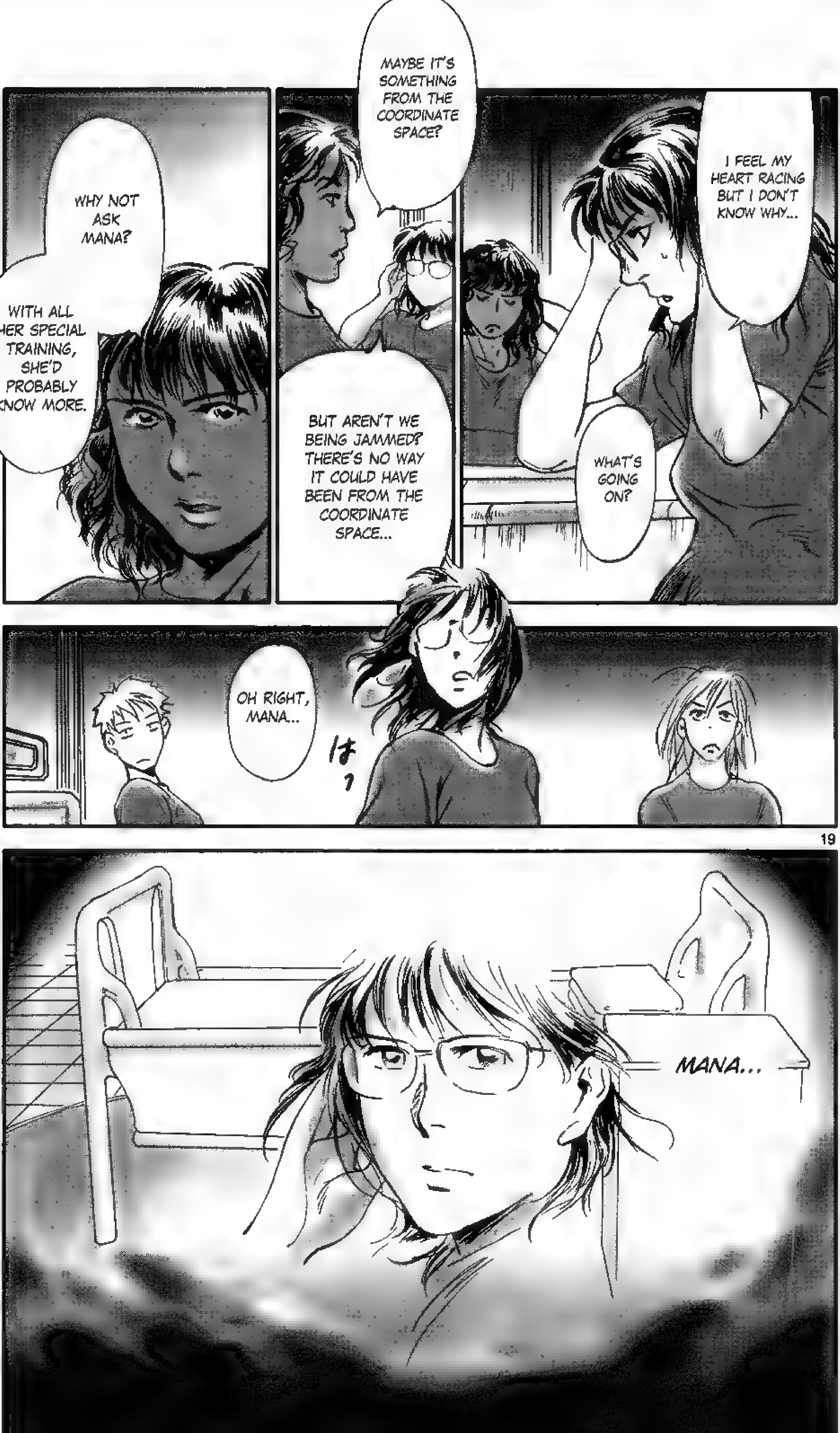

A TRANSFER POINT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...!?
IT'S SMALLER THAN THE ONE I'VE SEEN.
BUT I CAN STILL TELL
THAT'S A NEBASS GUARDIAN...
AH-


WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT DO I-
YOU ALREADY KNOW, DON'T YOU, MANA?
I...
MUST HUNT!
HUNT!


A SUMMON CALL!?
AN ENEMY ALERT!?
YOU HEARD IT TOO?
WHO!?
I FELT LIKE I HEARD AN "H"...
I COULDN'T HEAR IT VERY WELL THOUGH.
THUMP


I FEEL MY HEART RACING BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING FROM THE COORDINATE SPACE?
BUT AREN'T WE BEING JAMMED? THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD HAVE BEEN FROM THE COORDINATE SPACE...
WHY NOT ASK MANA?
WITH ALL HER SPECIAL TRAINING, SHE'D PROBABLY KNOW MORE.
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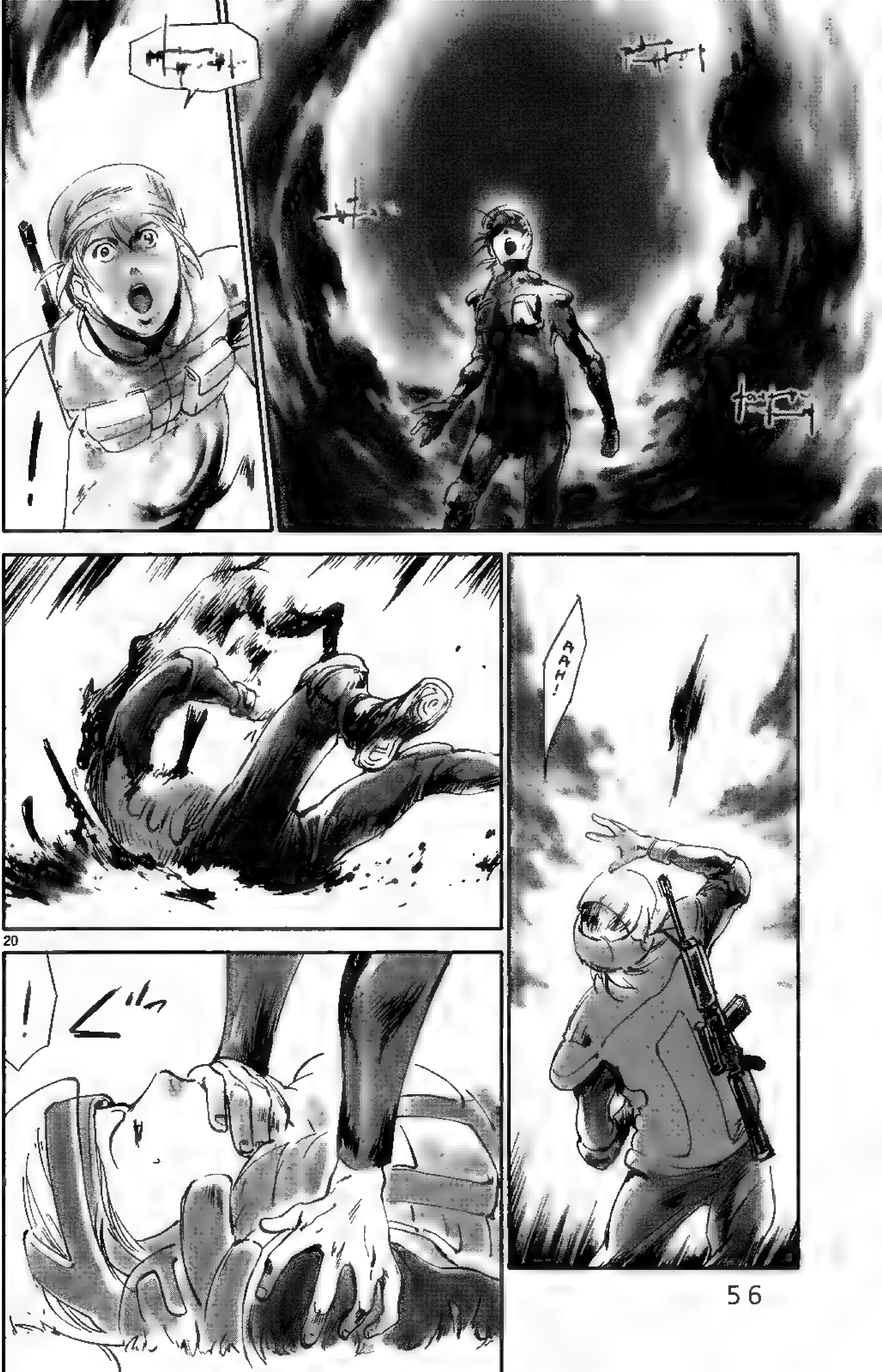
OH RIGHT, MANA...
MANA...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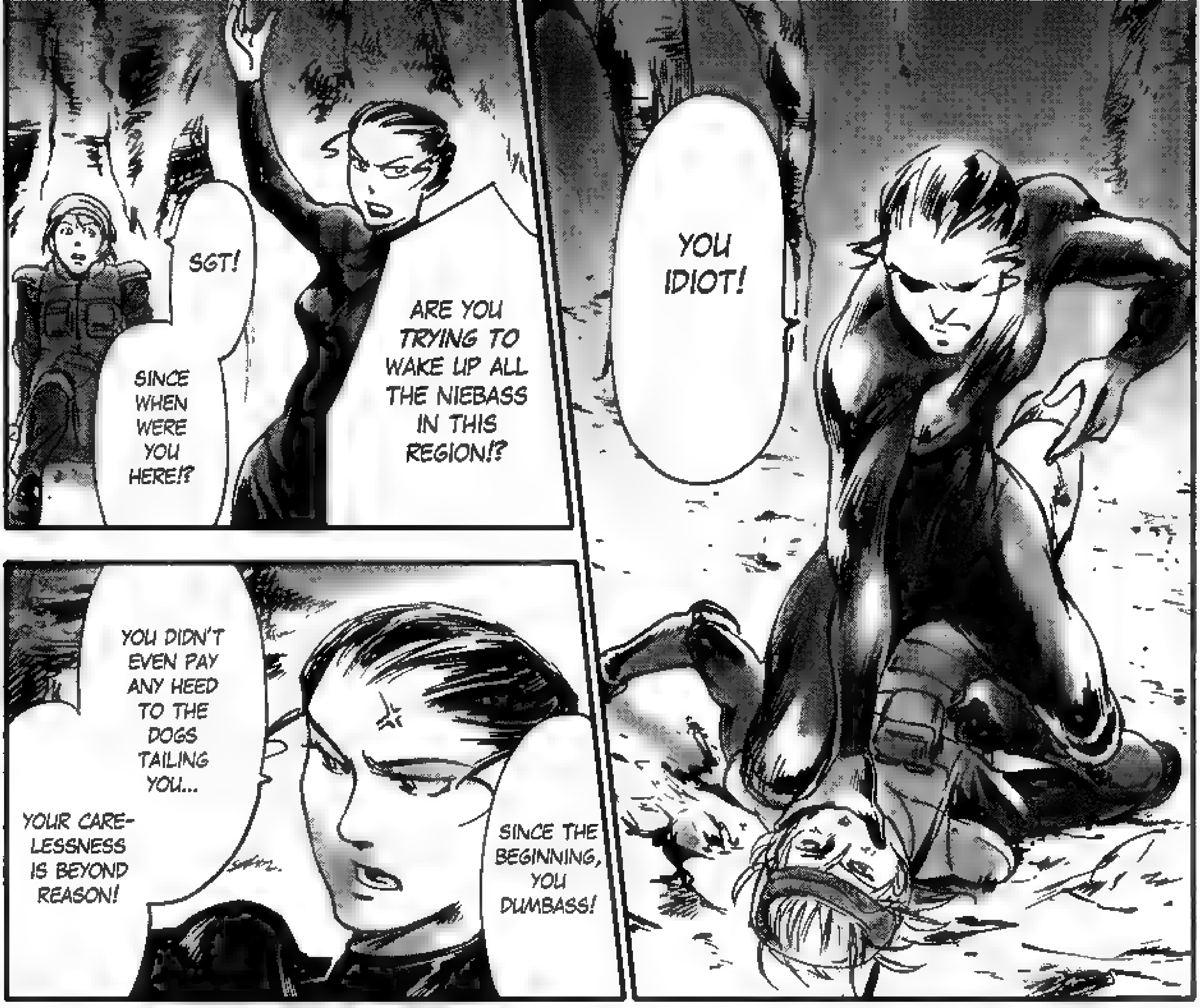
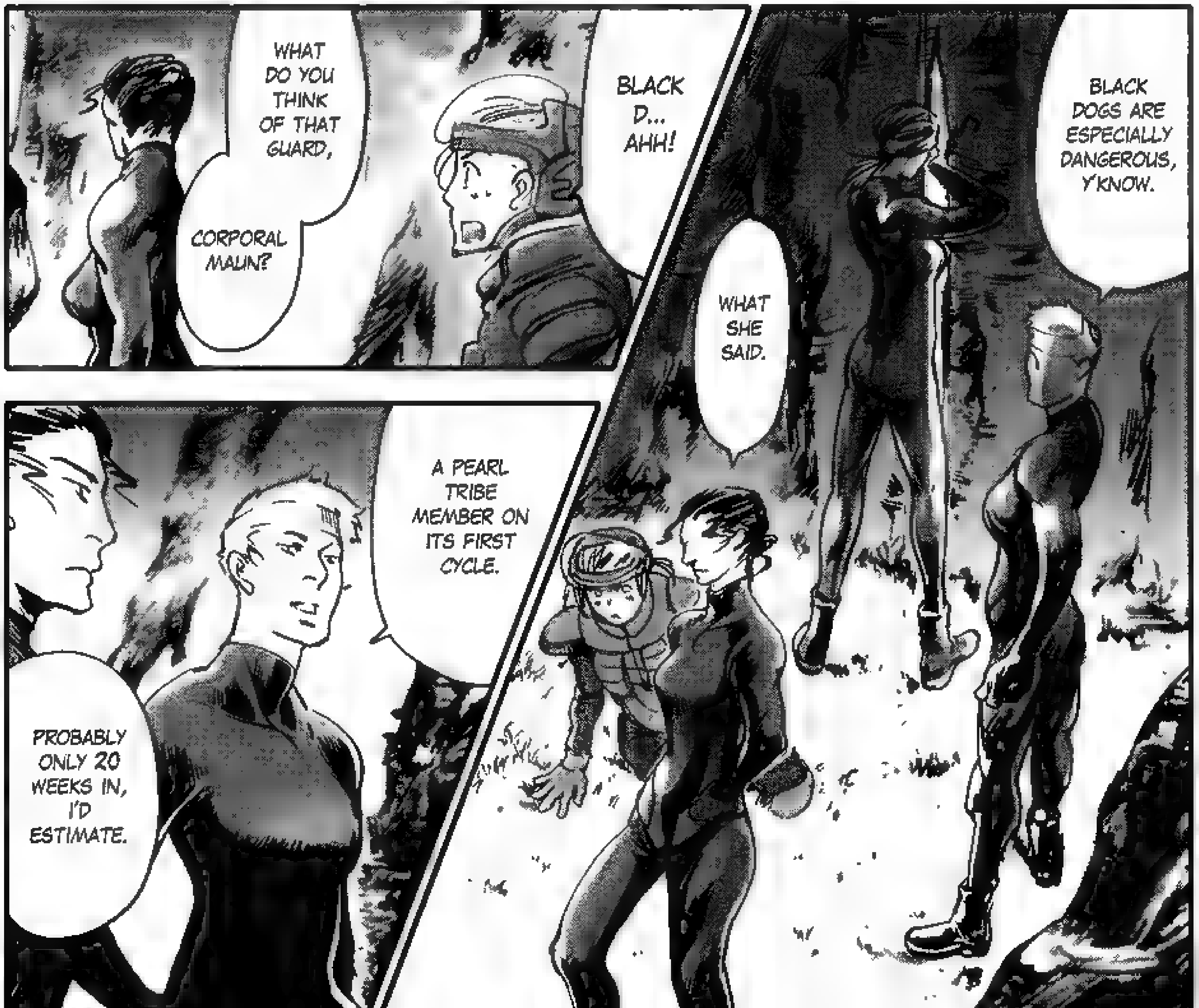
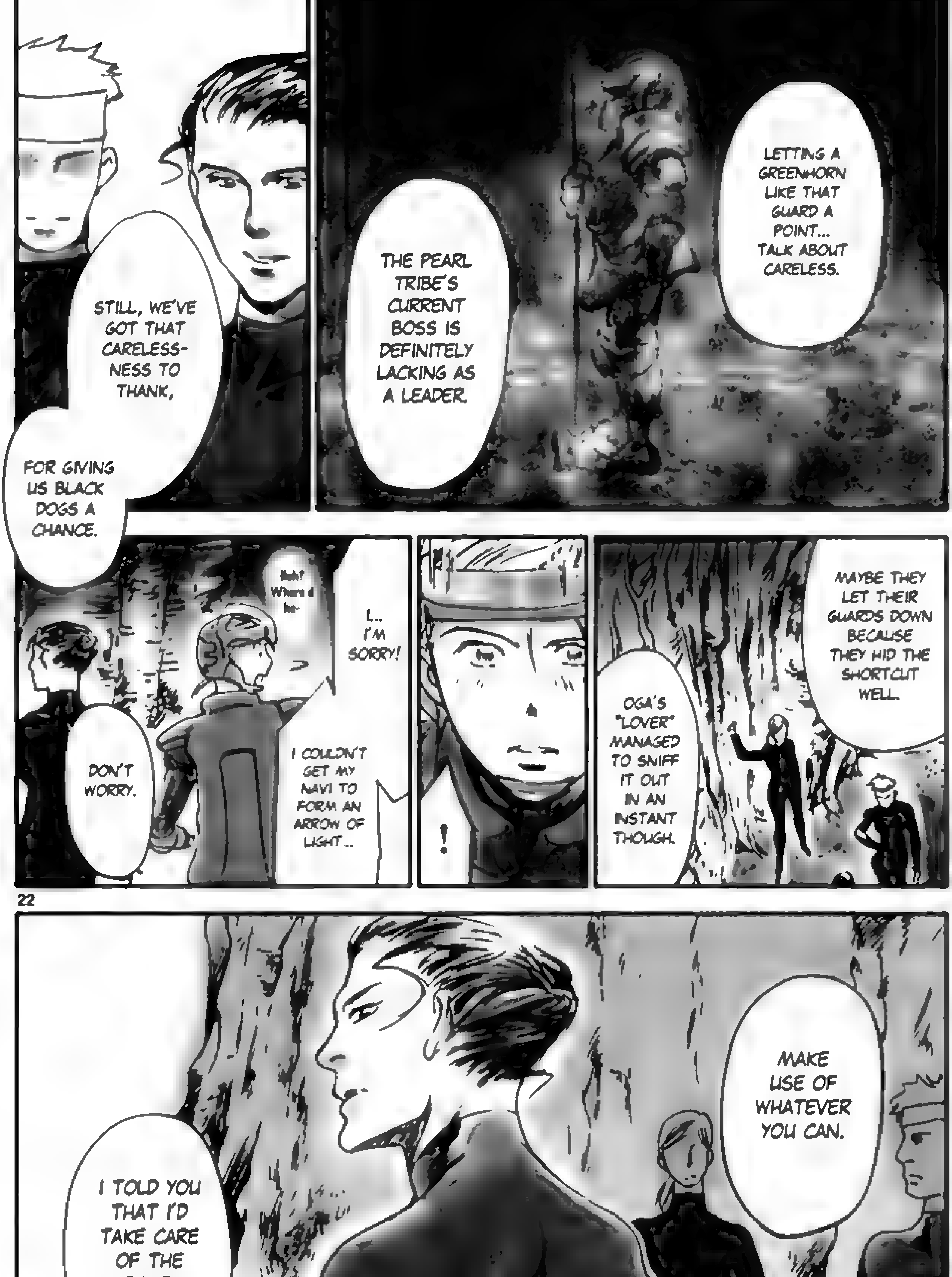
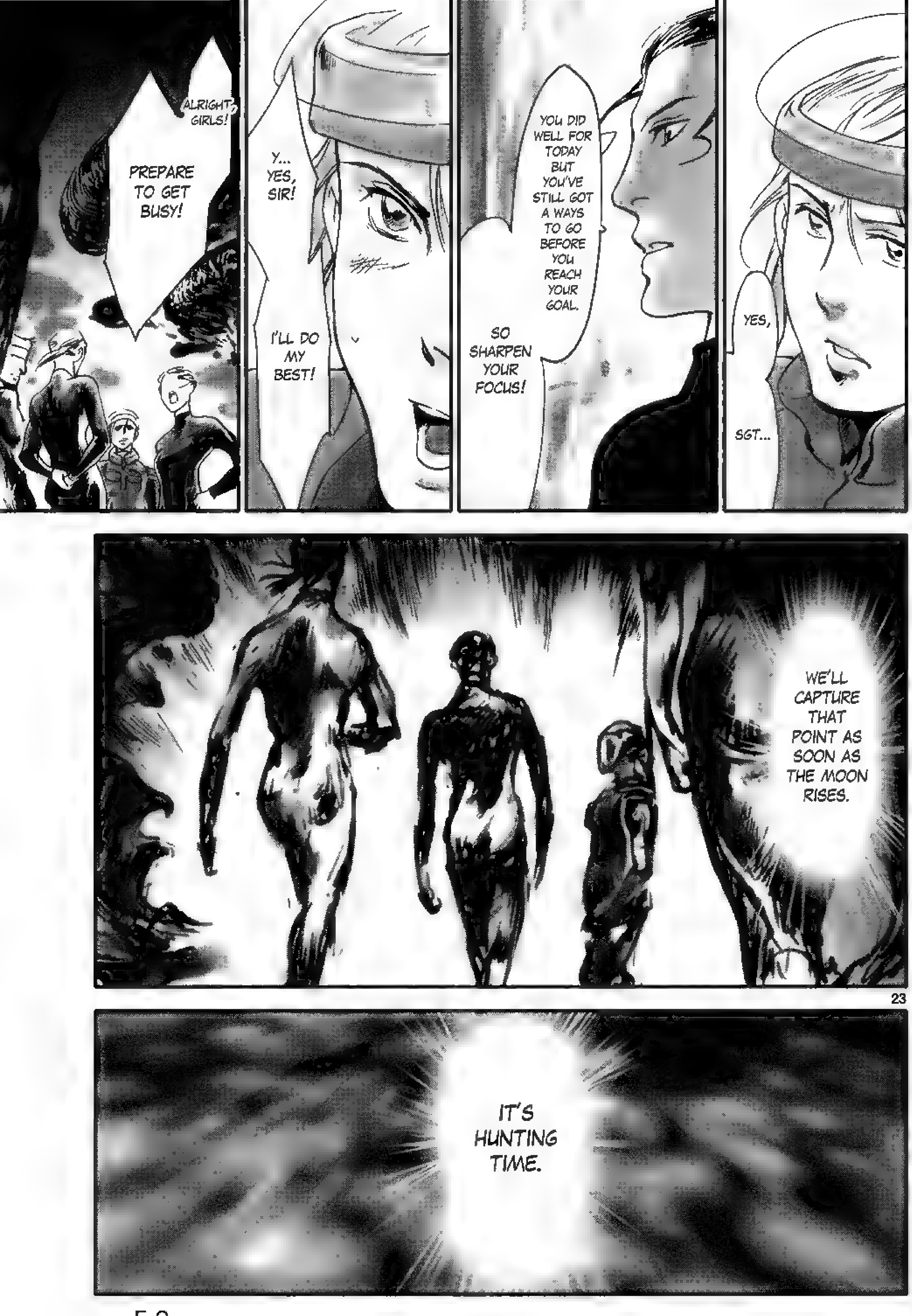
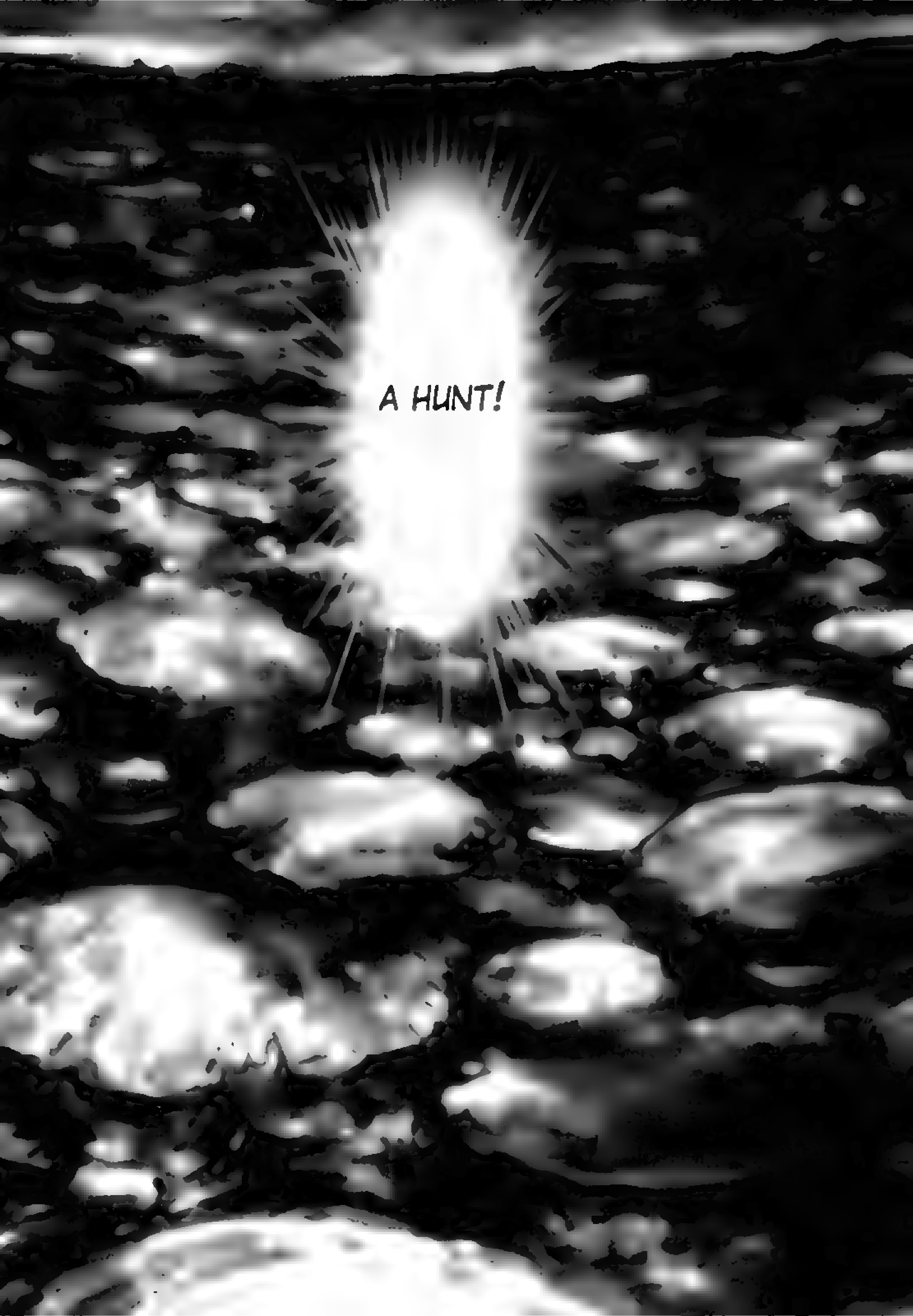
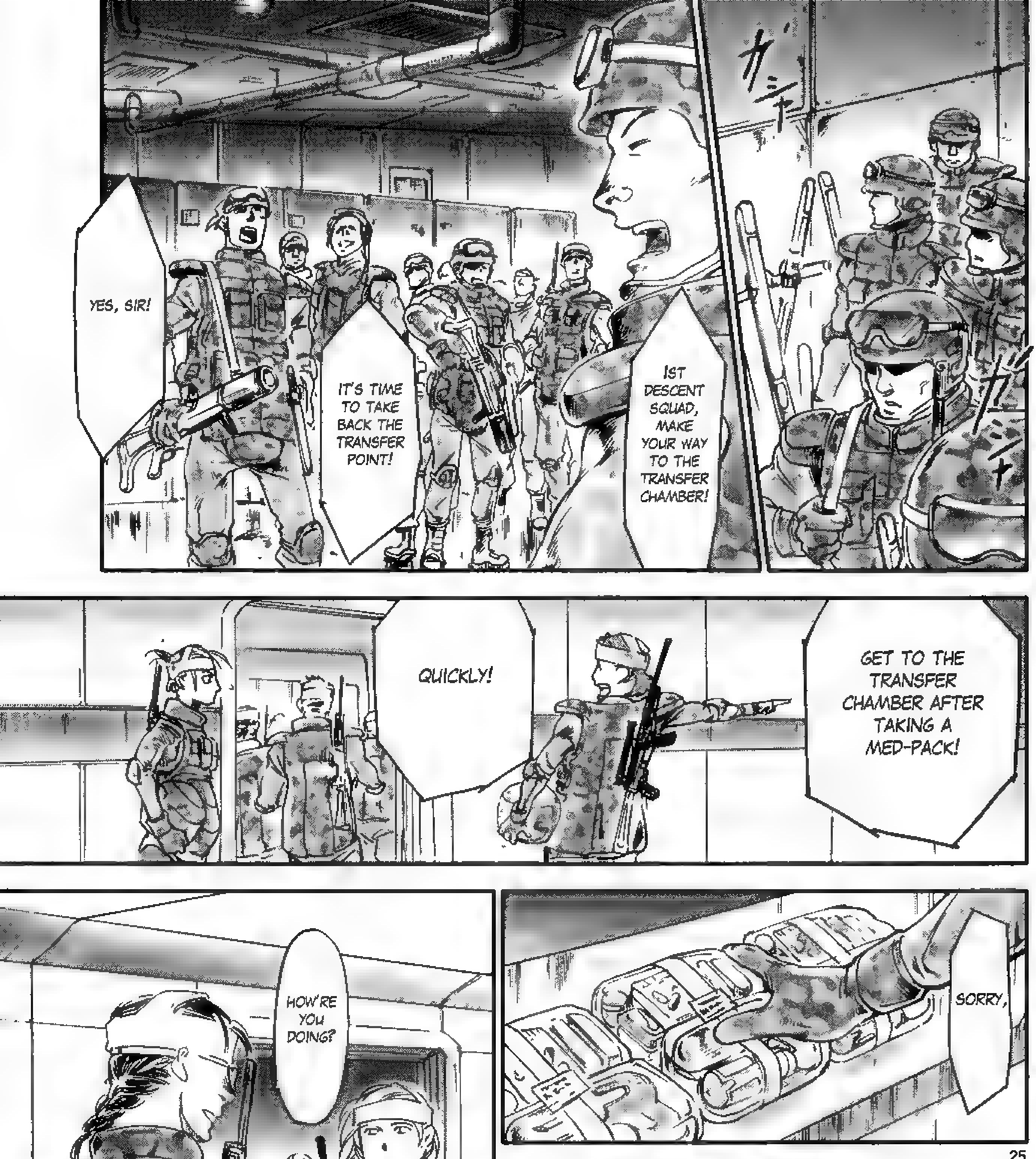

YOU IDIOT!
ARE YOU *TRYING* TO WAKE UP ALL THE NIEBASS IN THIS REGION!?
SGT!
SINCE WHEN WERE YOU HERE!?
SINCE THE BEGINNING, YOU DUMBASS!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN PAY ANY HEED TO THE DOGS TAILING YOU...
YOUR CARELESSNESS IS BEYOND REASON!


BLACK DOGS ARE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS, Y'KNOW.
WHAT SHE SAID.
BLACK D... AHH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT GUARD,
CORPORAL MAUN?
A PEARL TRIBE MEMBER ON ITS FIRST CYCLE.
PROBABLY ONLY 20 WEEKS IN, I'D ESTIMATE.


LETTING A GREENHORN LIKE THAT GUARD A POINT... TALK ABOUT CARELESS.
THE PEARL TRIBE'S CURRENT BOSS IS DEFINITELY LACKING AS A LEADER.
STILL, WE'VE GOT THAT CARELESSNESS TO THANK,
FOR GIVING US BLACK DOGS A CHANCE.
MAYBE THEY LET THEIR GUARDS DOWN BECAUSE THEY HID THE SHORTCUT WELL.
OGA'S "LOVER" MANAGED TO SNIFF IT OUT IN AN INSTANT THOUGH.
!
Huh? Where'd he-
I... I'M SORRY!
I COULDN'T GET MY NAVI TO FORM AN ARROW OF LIGHT...
DON'T WORRY.
MAKE USE OF WHATEVER YOU CAN.
I TOLD YOU THAT I'D TAKE CARE OF THE REST, DIDN'T I?


ALRIGHT, GIRLS!
PREPARE TO GET BUSY!
Y... YES, SIR!
I'LL DO MY BEST!
YOU DID WELL FOR TODAY BUT YOU'VE STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO BEFORE YOU REACH YOUR GOAL.
SO SHARPEN YOUR FOCUS!
YES,
SGT...
WE'LL CAPTURE THAT POINT AS SOON AS THE MOON RISES.
IT'S HUNTING TIME.


A HUNT!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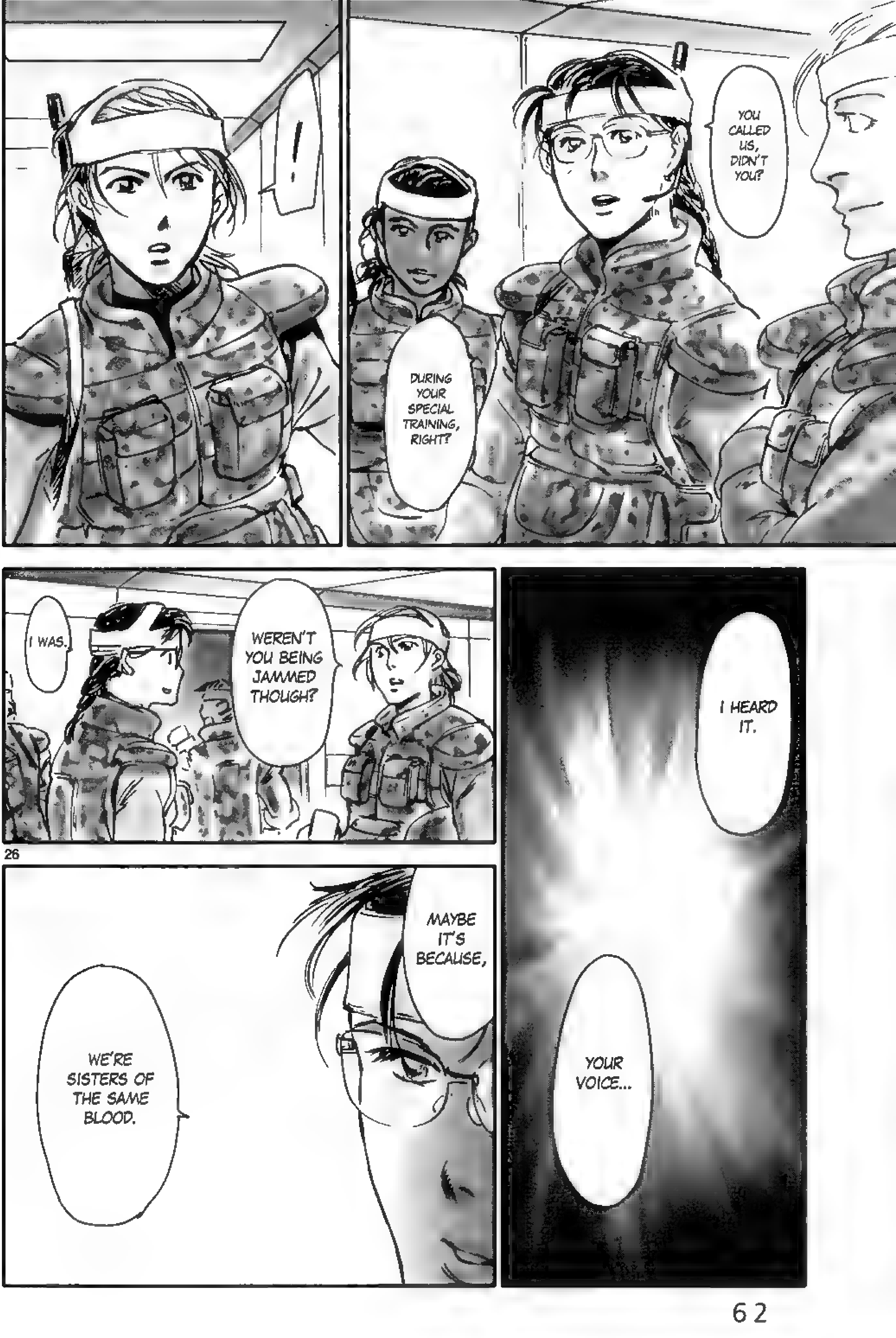
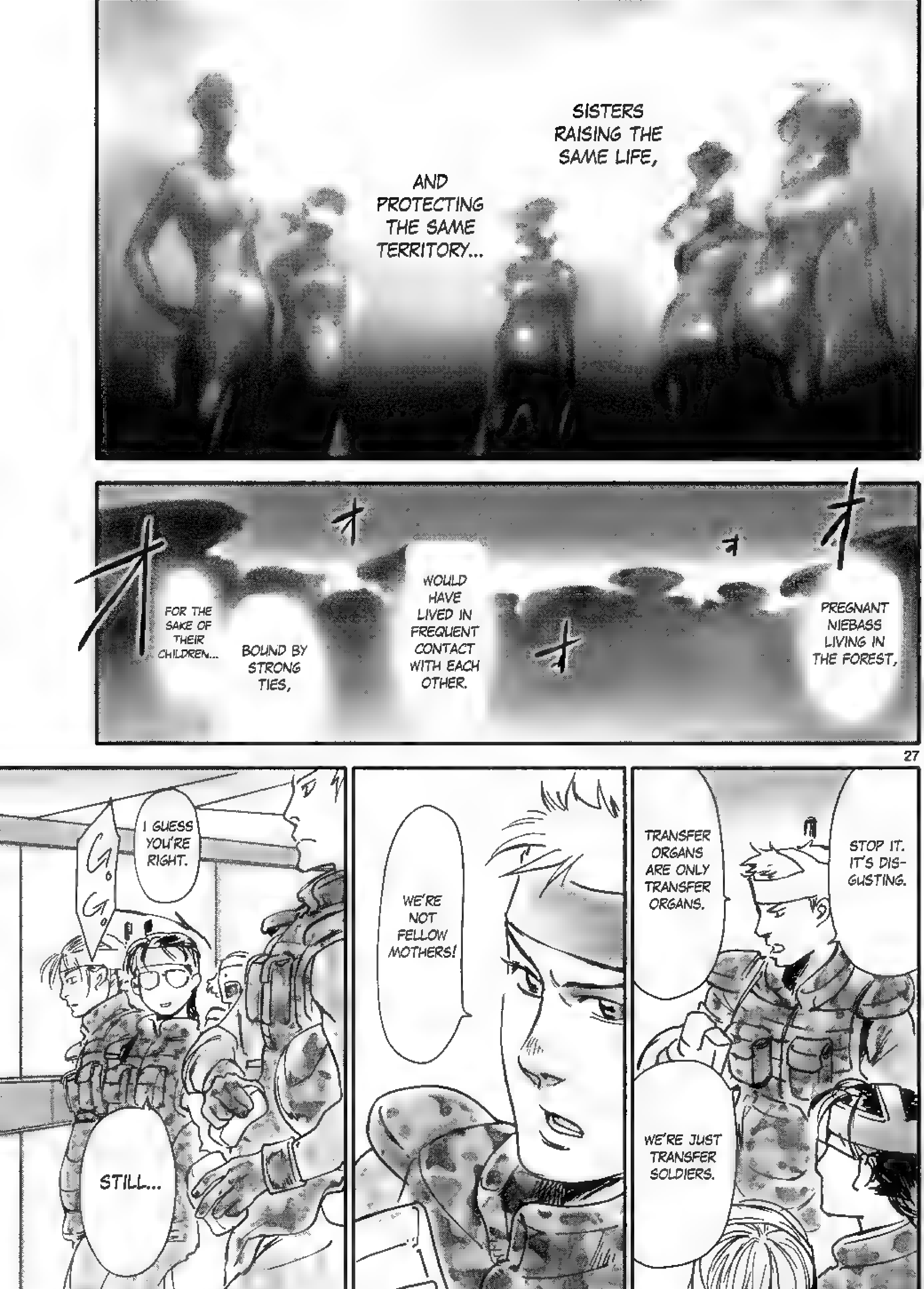
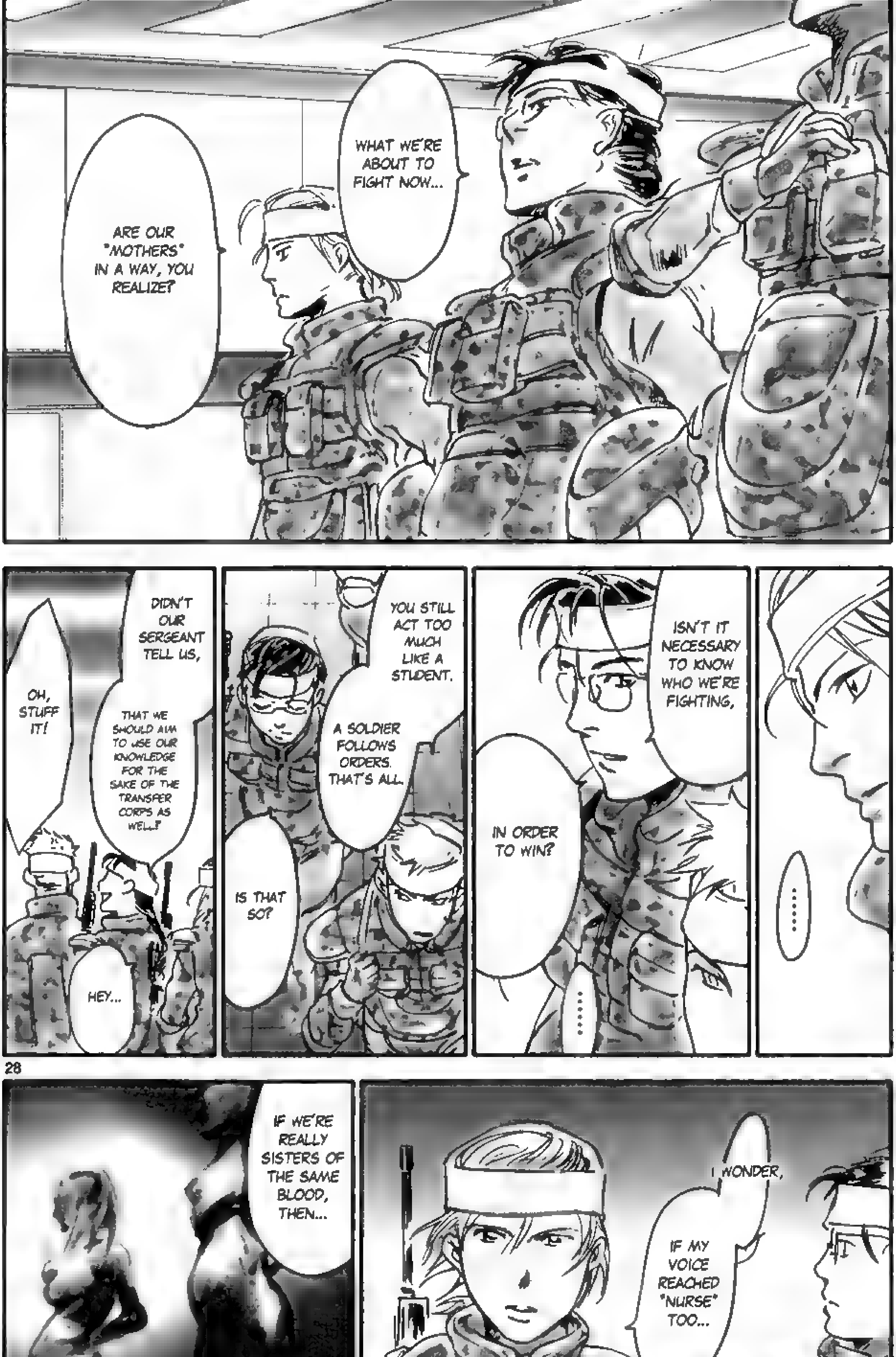
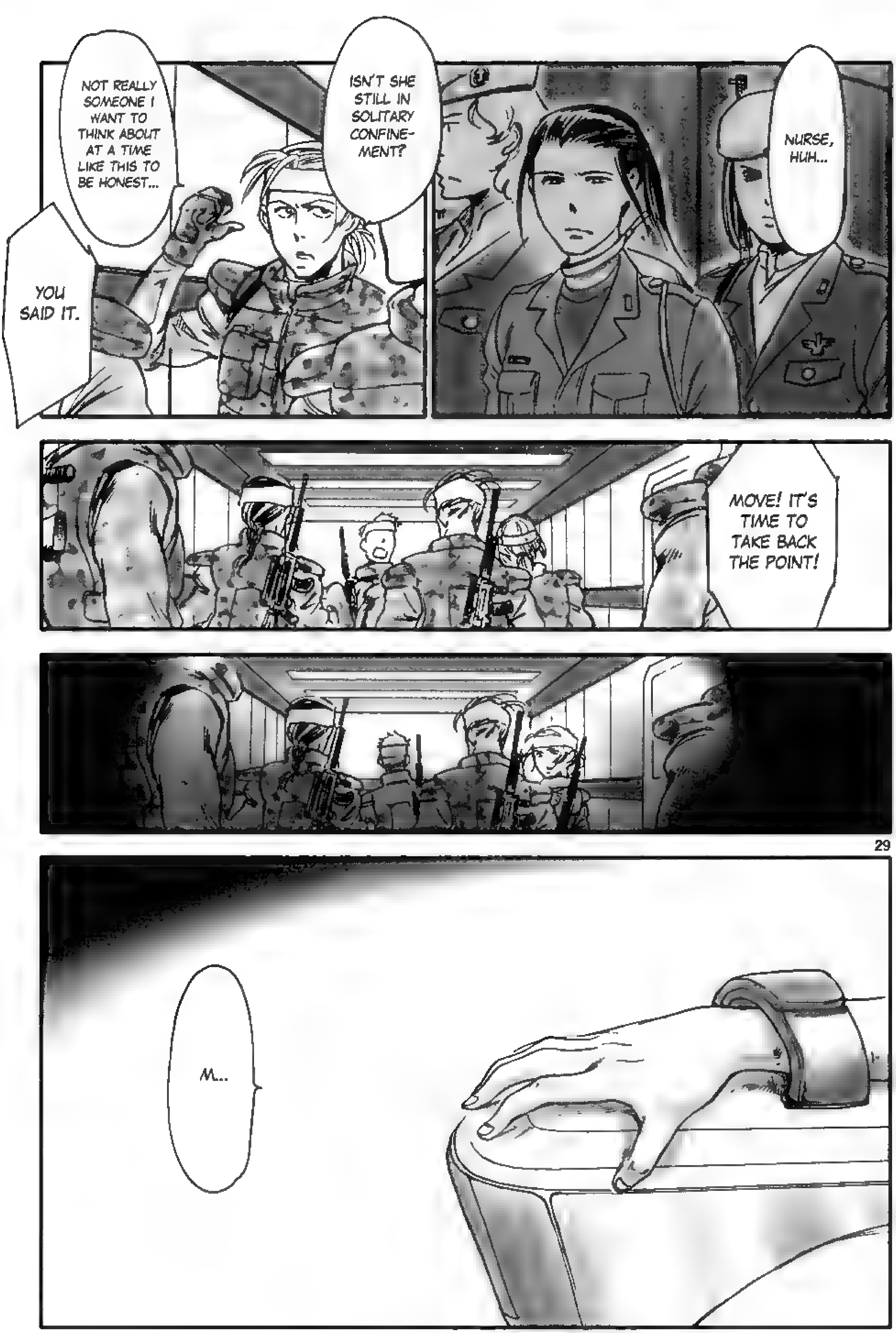
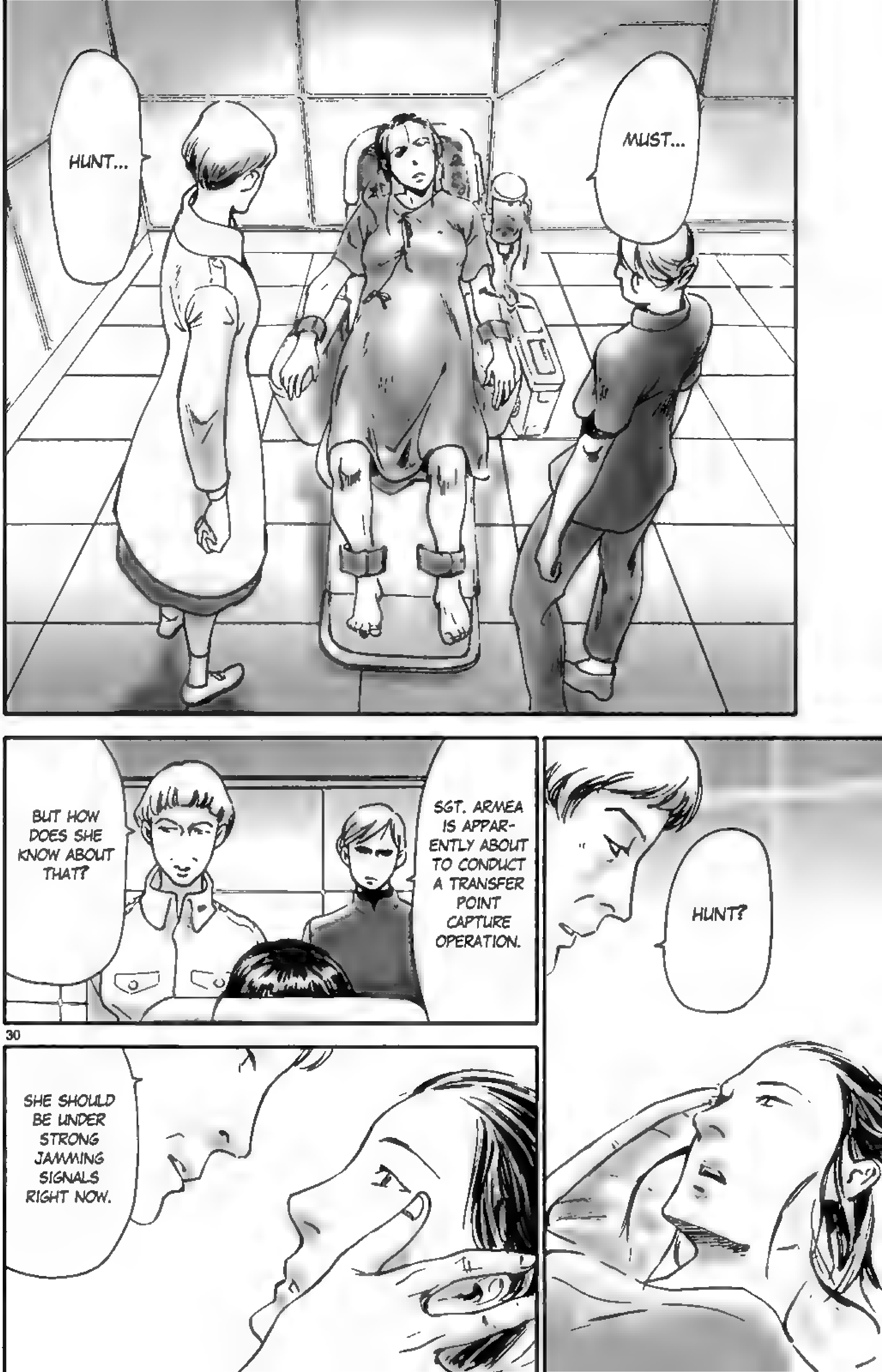
1ST DESCENT SQUAD, MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE TRANSFER CHAMBER!
IT'S TIME TO TAKE BACK THE TRANSFER POINT!
YES, SIR!
GET TO THE TRANSFER CHAMBER AFTER TAKING A MED-PACK!
QUICKLY!
SORRY,
I'M LATE.
HEY, YOU CAN'T RUN IN HERE.
YOU MIGHT TRIP OVER.
MANA!
HOW'RE YOU DOING?
KEI!

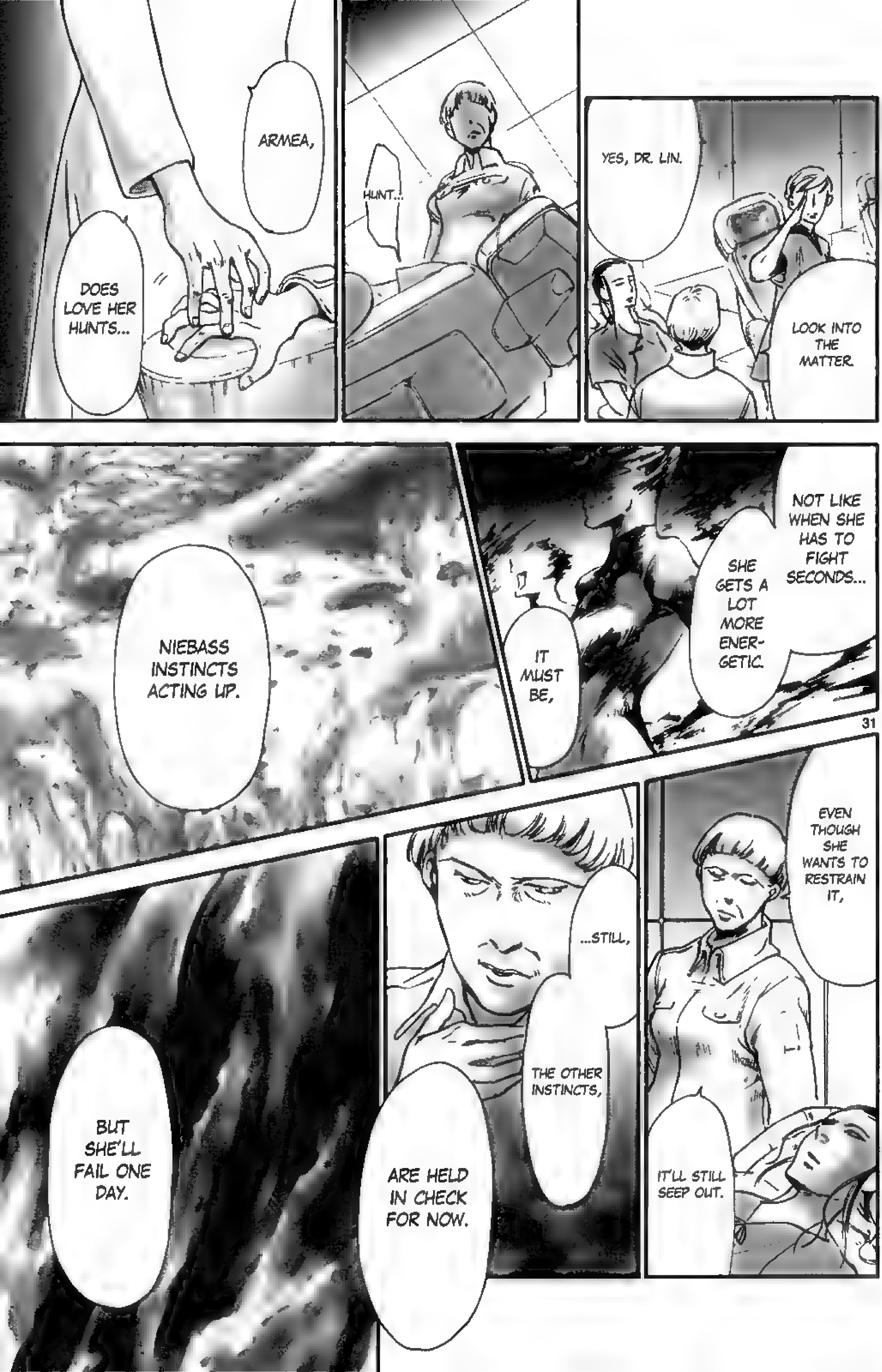

YOU CALLED US, DIDN'T YOU?
DURING YOUR SPECIAL TRAINING, RIGHT?
!
WEREN'T YOU BEING JAMMED THOUGH?
I WAS.
I HEARD IT.
YOUR VOICE...
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE,
WE'RE SISTERS OF THE SAME BLOOD.

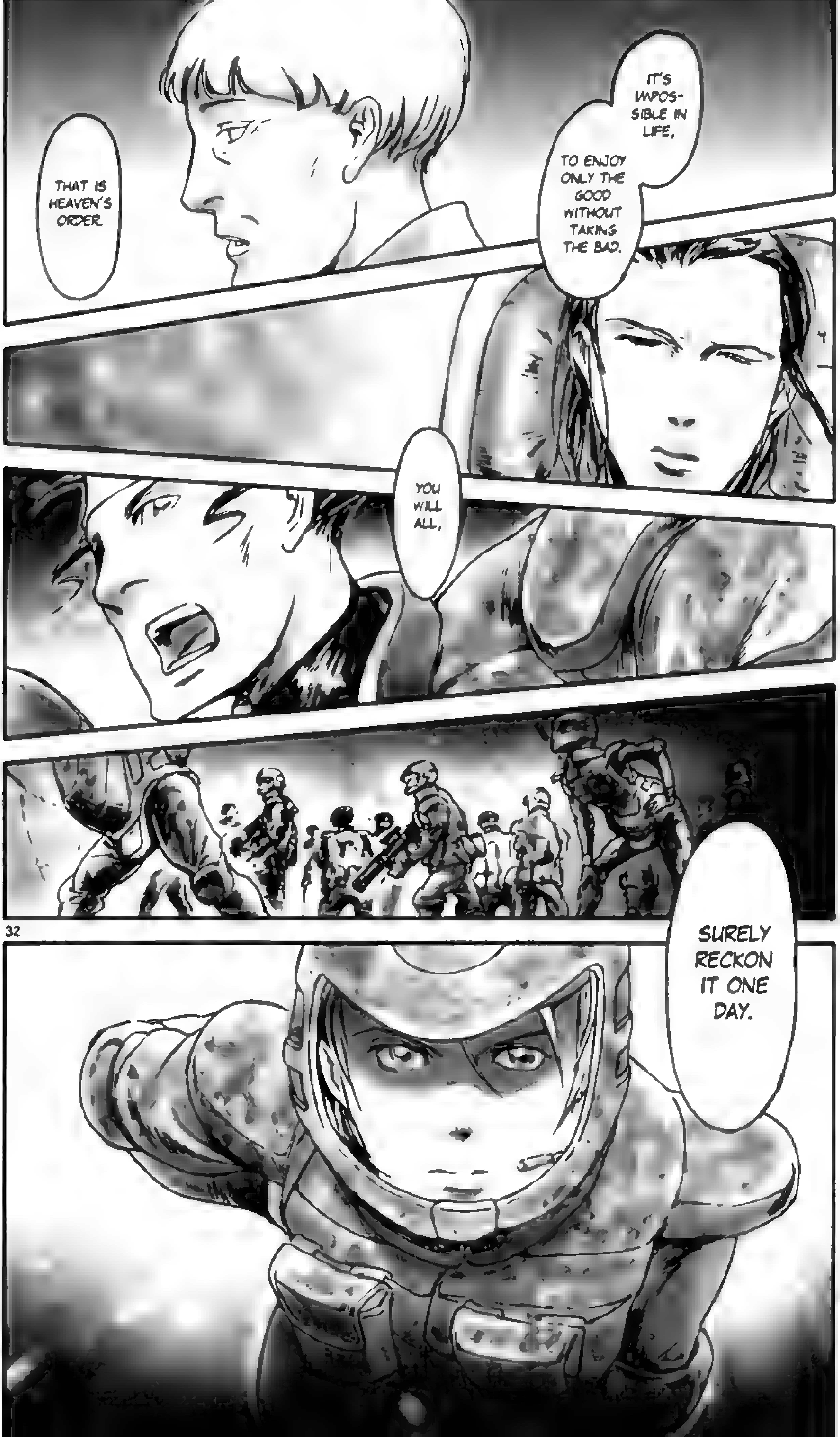

SISTERS RAISING THE SAME LIFE,
AND PROTECTING THE SAME TERRITORY...
PREGNANT NIEBASS LIVING IN THE FOREST,
WOULD HAVE LIVED IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER.
BOUND BY STRONG TIES,
FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR CHILDREN...
STOP IT. IT'S DISGUSTING.
TRANSFER ORGANS ARE ONLY TRANSFER ORGANS.
WE'RE JUST TRANSFER SOLDIERS.
WE'RE NOT FELLOW MOTHERS!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
Go Go
STILL...


WHAT WE'RE ABOUT TO FIGHT NOW...
ARE OUR "MOTHERS" IN A WAY, YOU REALIZE?
......
ISN'T IT NECESSARY TO KNOW WHO WE'RE FIGHTING,
IN ORDER TO WIN?
......
YOU STILL ACT TOO MUCH LIKE A STUDENT.
A SOLDIER FOLLOWS ORDERS. THAT'S ALL.
IS THAT SO?
DIDN'T OUR SERGEANT TELL US,
THAT WE SHOULD AIM TO USE OUR KNOWLEDGE FOR THE SAKE OF THE TRANSFER CORPS AS WELL!?
OH, STUFF IT!
HEY...
I WONDER,
IF MY VOICE REACHED "NURSE" TOO...
IF WE'RE REALLY SISTERS OF THE SAME BLOOD, THEN...


NURSE, HUH...
ISN'T SHE STILL IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT?
NOT REALLY SOMEONE I WANT TO THINK ABOUT AT A TIME LIKE THIS TO BE HONEST...
YOU SAID IT.
MOVE! IT'S TIME TO TAKE BACK THE POINT!
M...


MUST...
HUNT...
HUNT?
SGT. ARMEA IS APPARENTLY ABOUT TO CONDUCT A TRANSFER POINT CAPTURE OPERATION.
BUT HOW DOES SHE KNOW ABOUT THAT?
SHE SHOULD BE UNDER STRONG JAMMING SIGNALS RIGHT NOW.


LOOK INTO THE MATTER.
YES, DR. LIN.
HUNT...
ARMEA,
DOES LOVE HER HUNTS...
NOT LIKE WHEN SHE HAS TO FIGHT SECONDS...
SHE GETS A LOT MORE ENERGETIC.
IT MUST BE,
NIEBASS INSTINCTS ACTING UP.
EVEN THOUGH SHE WANTS TO RESTRAIN IT,
IT'LL STILL SEEP OUT.
...STILL,
THE OTHER INSTINCTS,
ARE HELD IN CHECK FOR NOW.
BUT SHE'LL FAIL ONE DAY.


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE IN LIFE,
TO ENJOY ONLY THE GOOD WITHOUT TAKING THE BAD.
THAT IS HEAVEN'S ORDER.
YOU WILL ALL,
SURELY RECKON IT ONE DAY.

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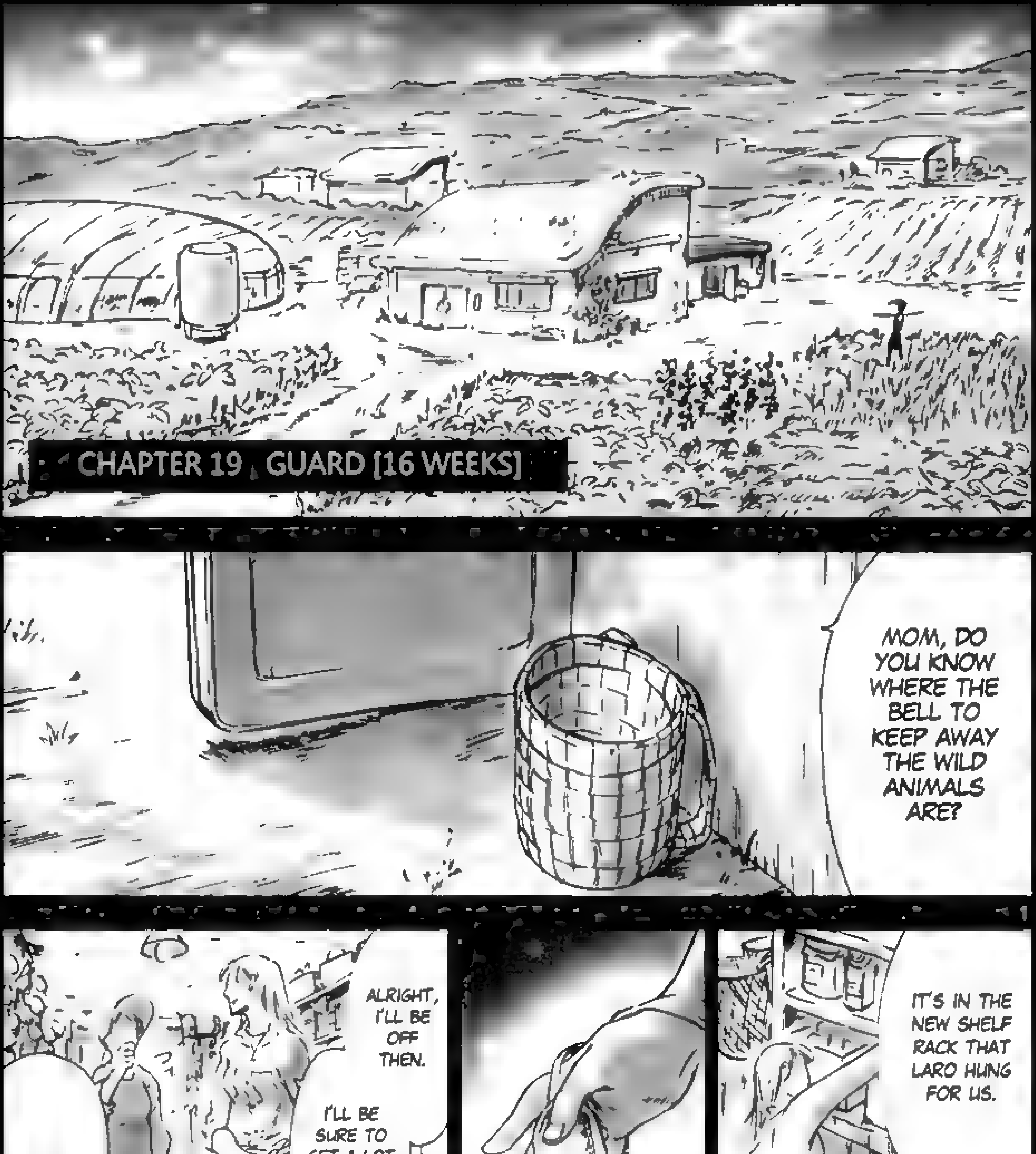
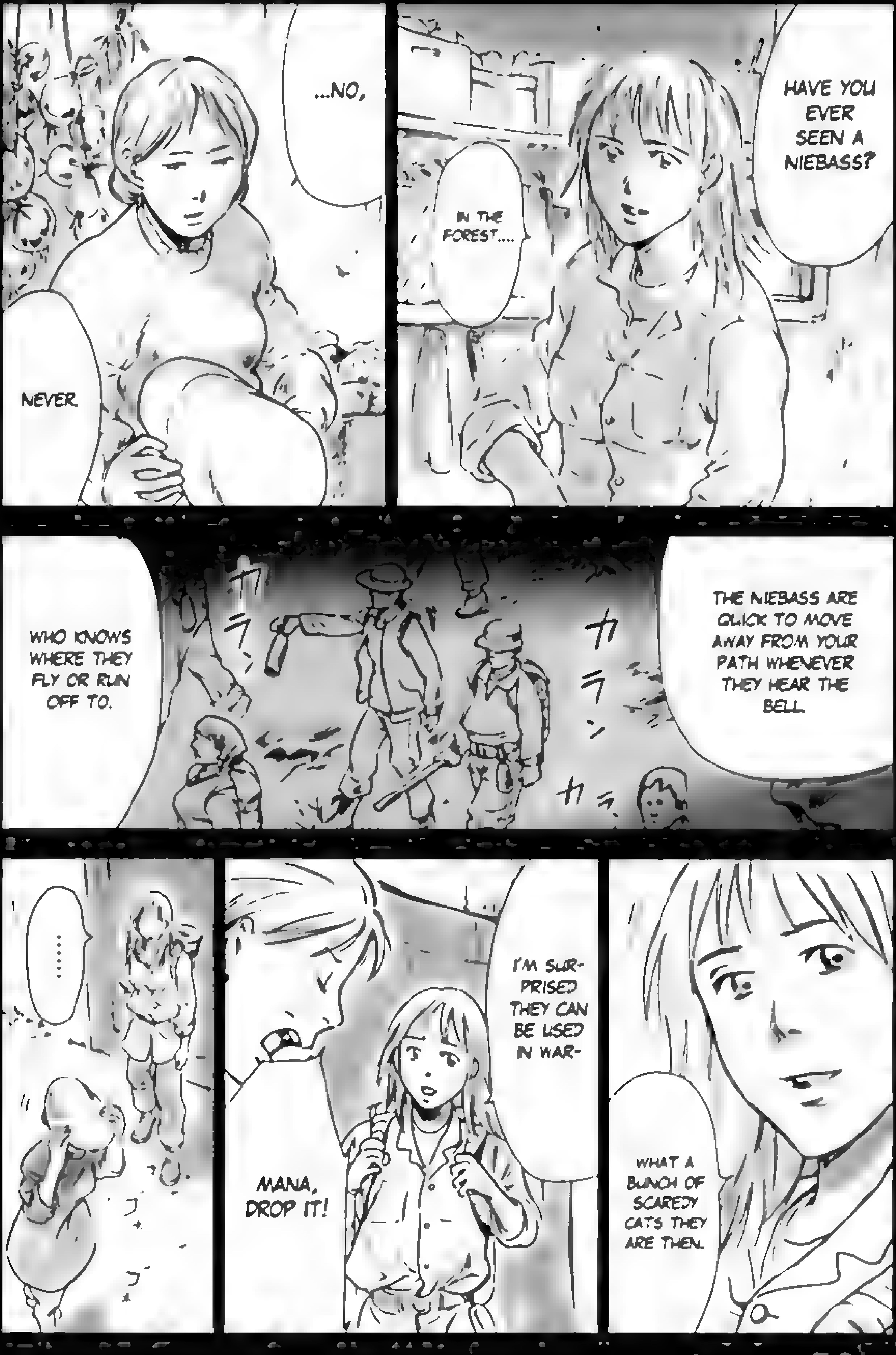

MOM, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE BELL TO KEEP AWAY THE WILD ANIMALS ARE?
IT'S IN THE NEW SHELF RACK THAT LARO HUNG FOR US.
YEAH, IN THERE.
FOUND IT!
DING
ALRIGHT, I'LL BE OFF THEN.
I'LL BE SURE TO GET A LOT OF MUSHROOMS.
BE CAREFUL.
...HEY, MOM.


HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A NIEBASS?
IN THE FOREST....
...NO,
NEVER.
THE NIEBASS ARE QUICK TO MOVE AWAY FROM YOUR PATH WHENEVER THEY HEAR THE BELL.
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WHO KNOWS WHERE THEY FLY OR RUN OFF TO.
WHAT A BUNCH OF SCAREDY CATS THEY ARE THEN.
I'M SURPRISED THEY CAN BE USED IN WAR-
MANA, DROP IT!
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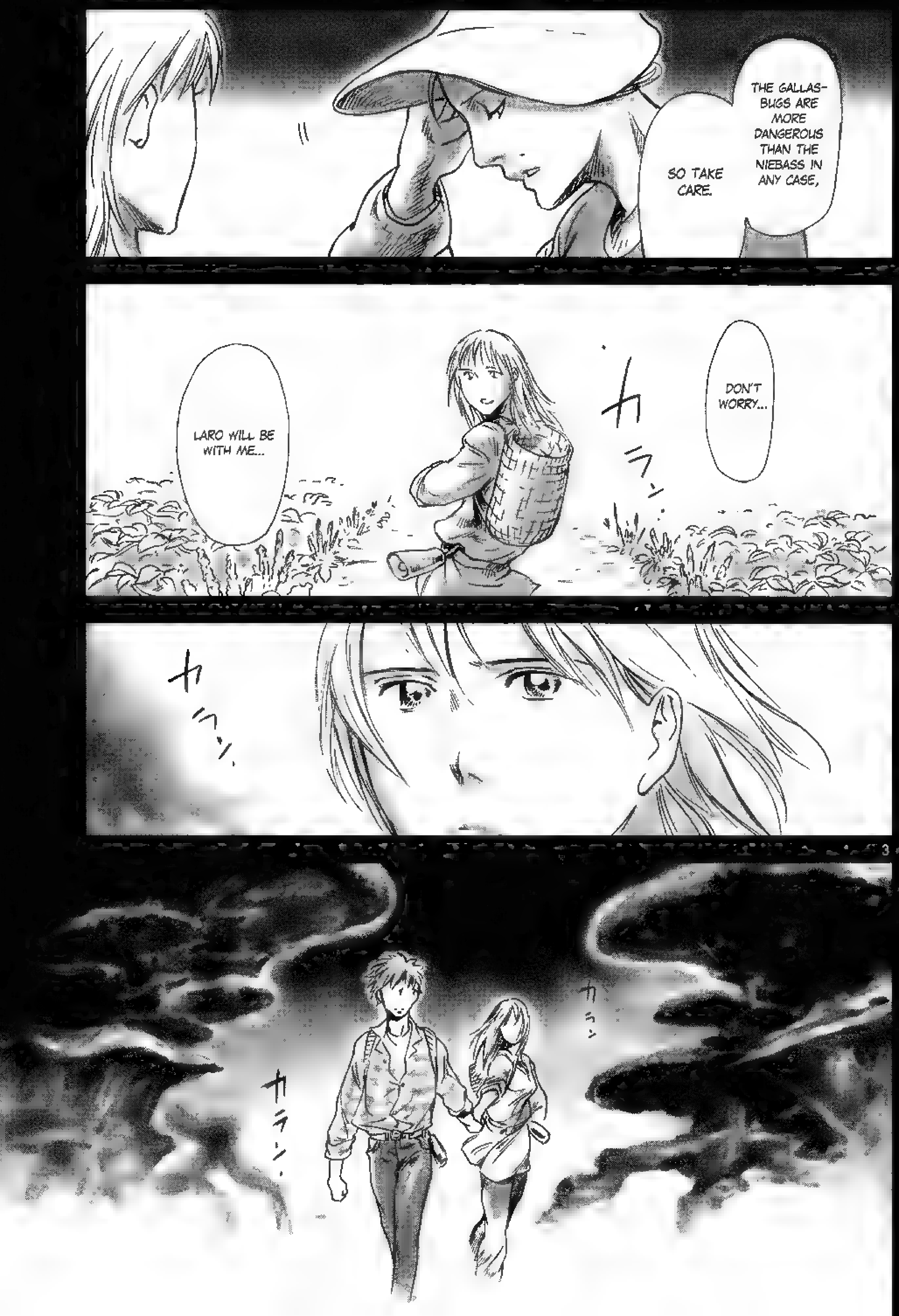
THE GALLASBUGS ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE NIEBASS IN ANY CASE,
SO TAKE CARE.
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DON'T WORRY...
LARO WILL BE WITH ME...
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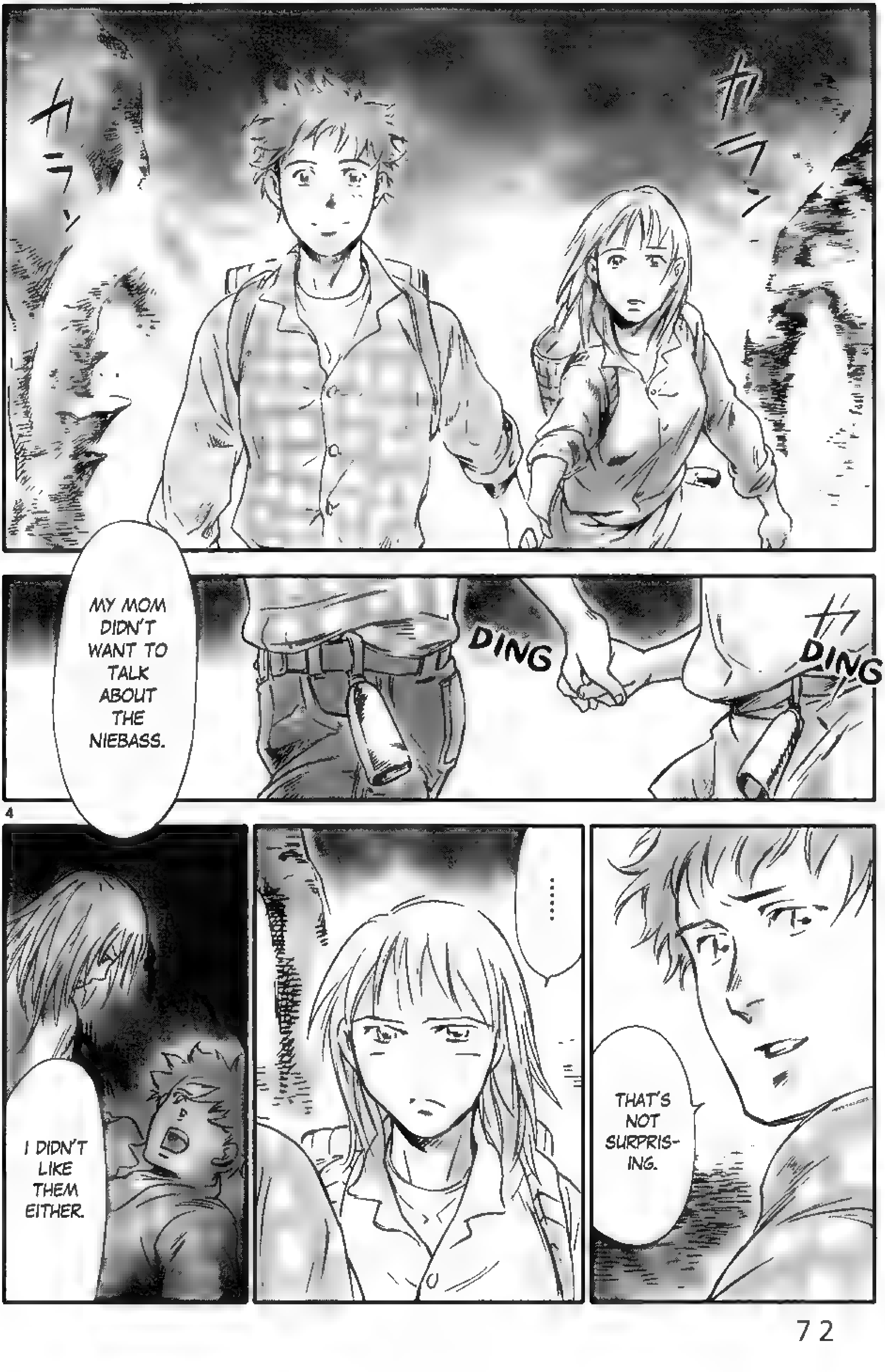
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DING
MY MOM DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE NIEBASS.
THAT'S NOT SURPRISING.
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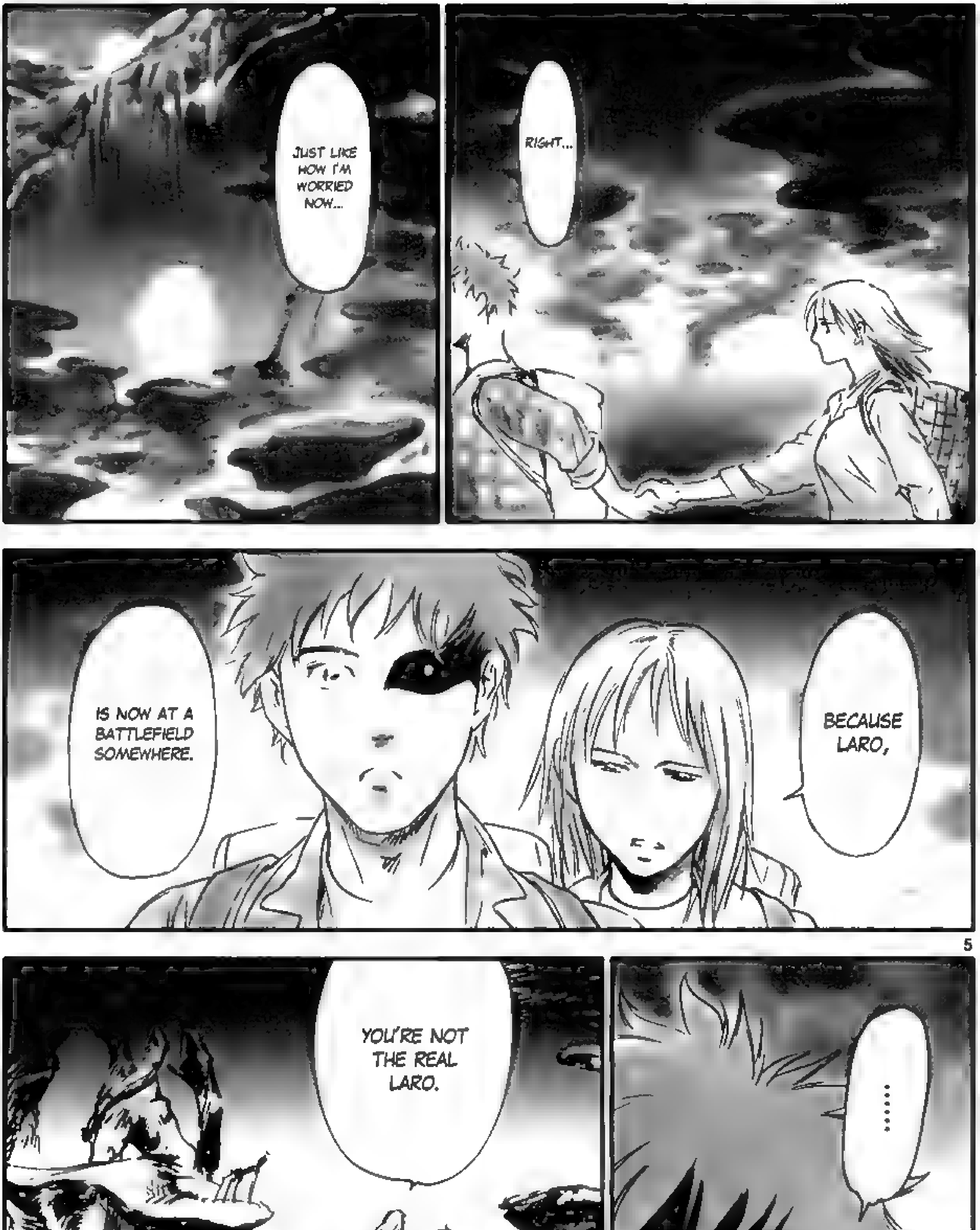
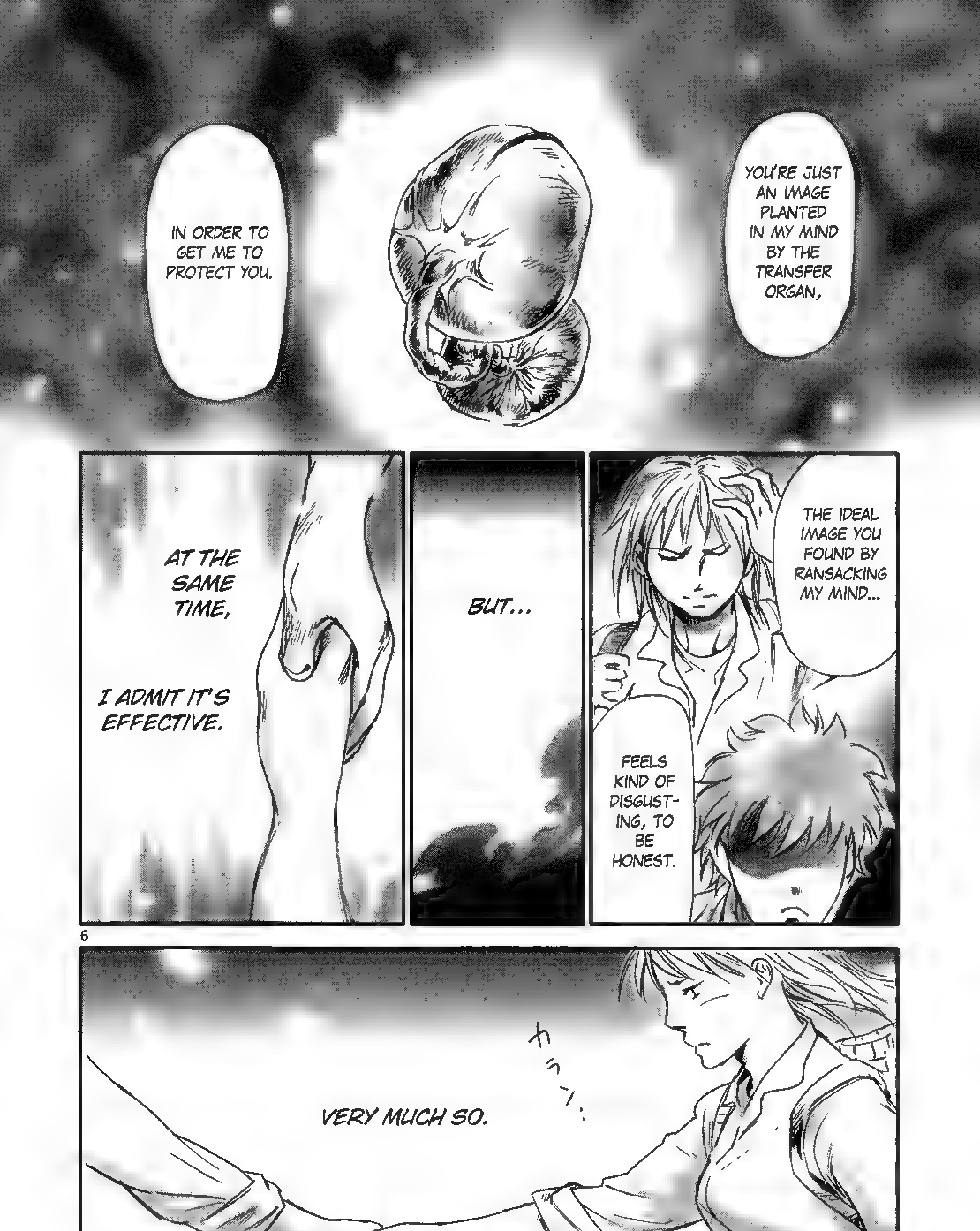
I DIDN'T LIKE THEM EITHER.


RIGHT...
JUST LIKE HOW I'M WORRIED NOW...
BECAUSE LARO,
IS NOW AT A BATTLEFIELD SOMEWHERE.
......
YOU'RE NOT THE REAL LARO.


YOU'RE JUST AN IMAGE PLANTED IN MY MIND BY THE TRANSFER ORGAN,
IN ORDER TO GET ME TO PROTECT YOU.
THE IDEAL IMAGE YOU FOUND BY RANSACKING MY MIND...
FEELS KIND OF DISGUSTING, TO BE HONEST.
BUT...
AT THE SAME TIME,
I ADMIT IT'S EFFECTIVE.
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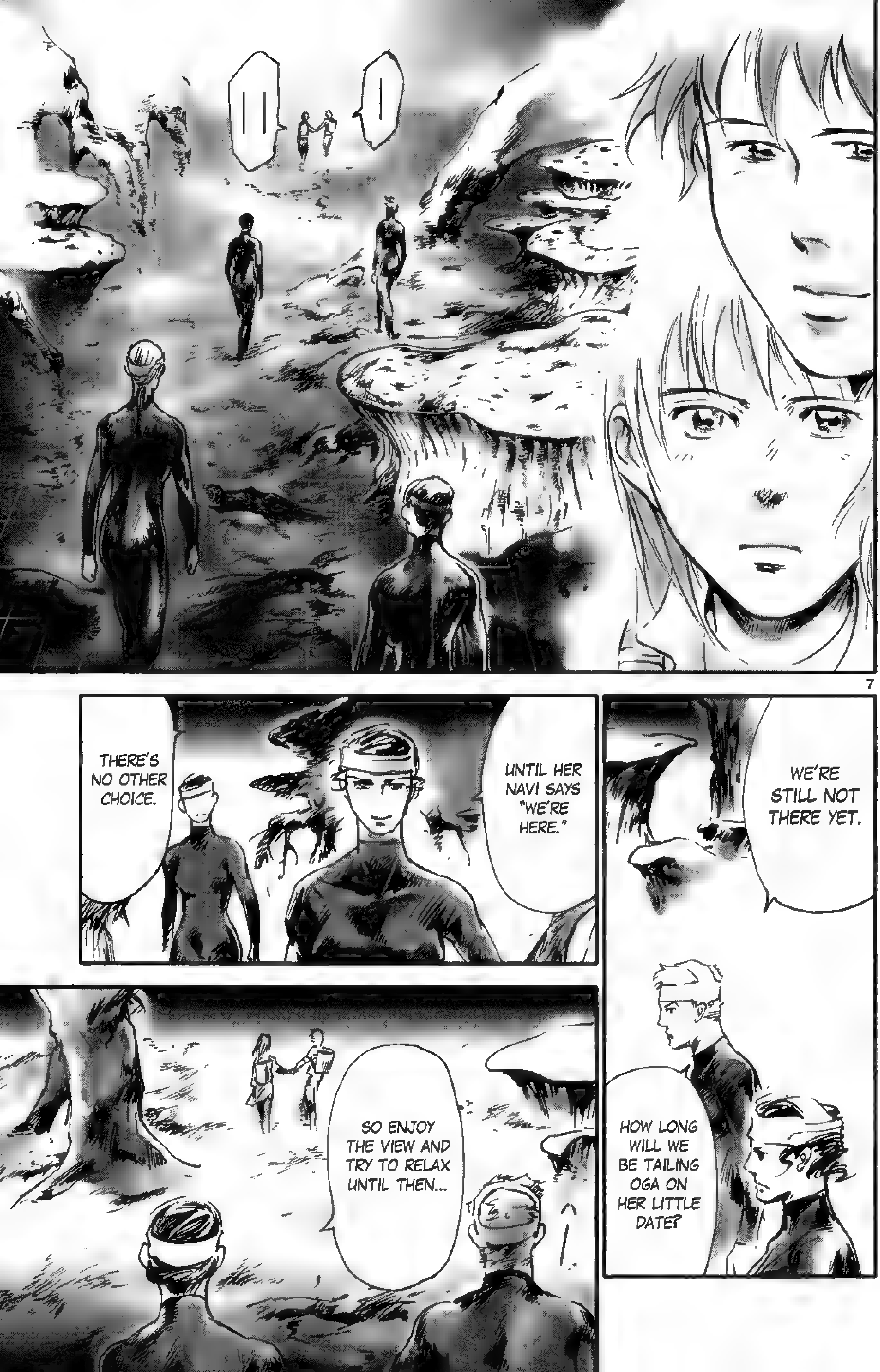
VERY MUCH SO.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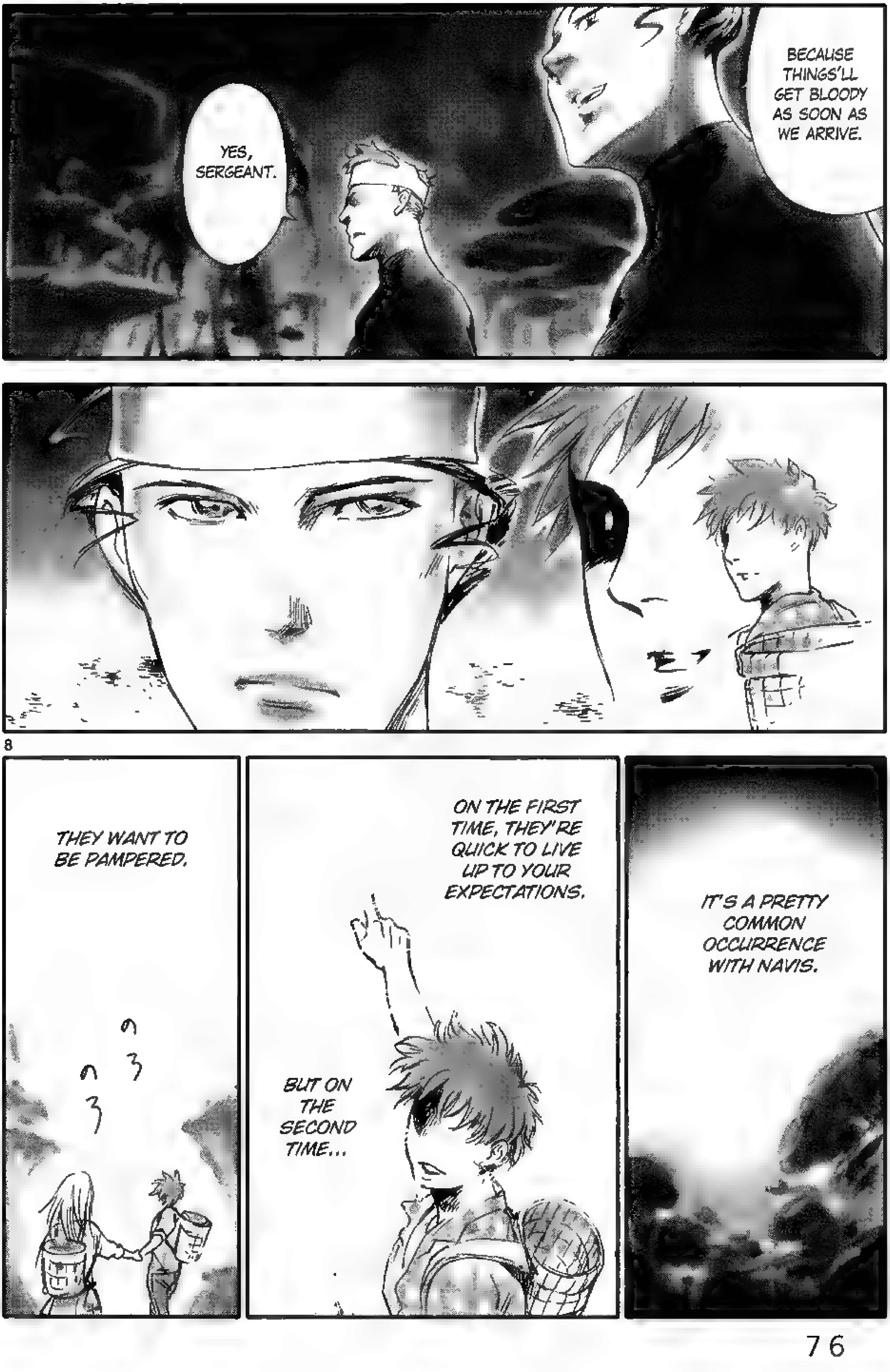
WE'RE STILL NOT THERE YET.
HOW LONG WILL WE BE TAILING OGA ON HER LITTLE DATE?
UNTIL HER NAVI SAYS "WE'RE HERE."
THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.
SO ENJOY THE VIEW AND TRY TO RELAX UNTIL THEN...


BECAUSE THINGS'LL GET BLOODY AS SOON AS WE ARRIVE.
YES, SERGEANT.
IT'S A PRETTY COMMON OCCURRENCE WITH NAVIS.
ON THE FIRST TIME, THEY'RE QUICK TO LIVE UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS.
BUT ON THE SECOND TIME...
THEY WANT TO BE PAMPERED.
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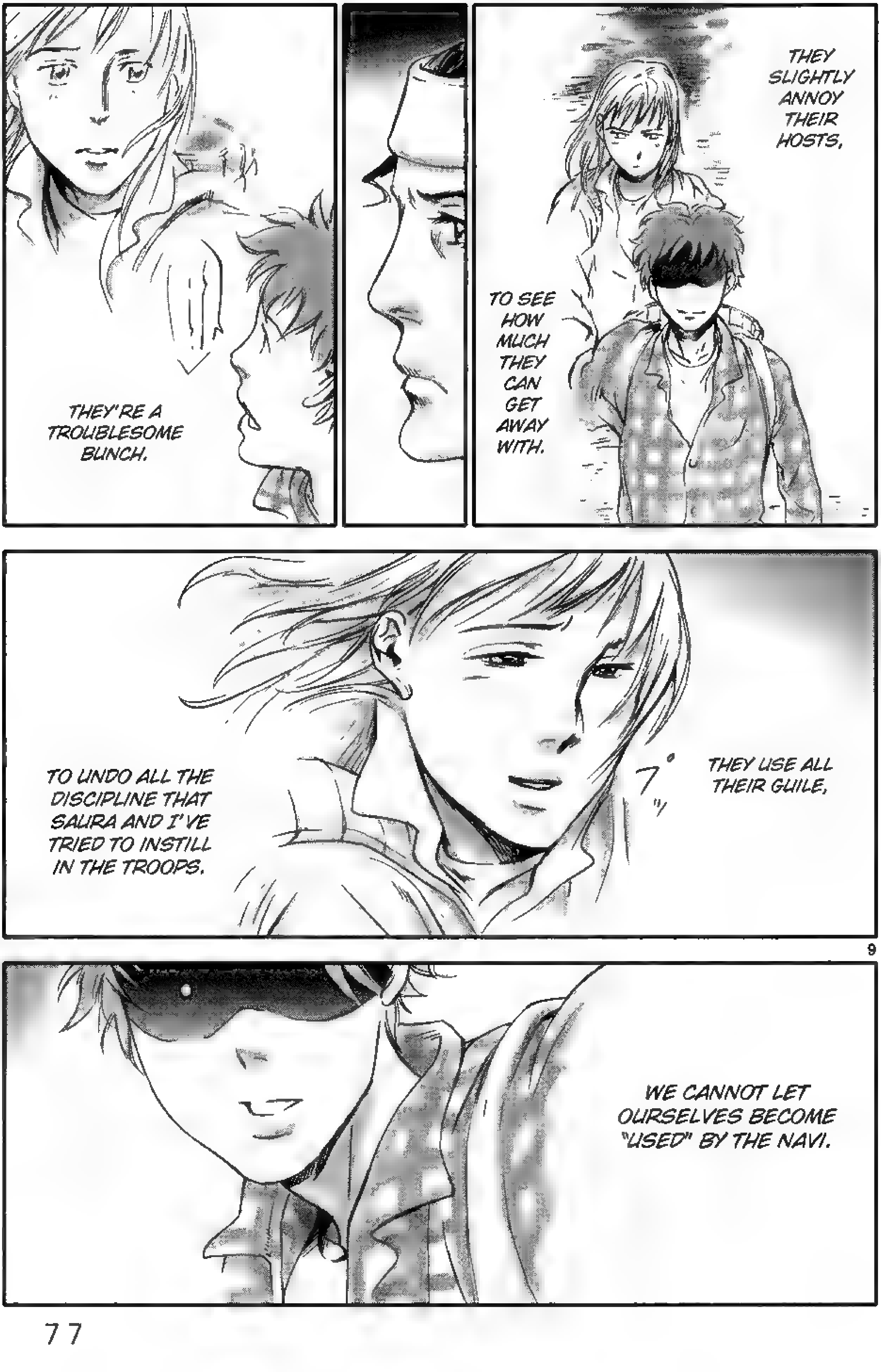
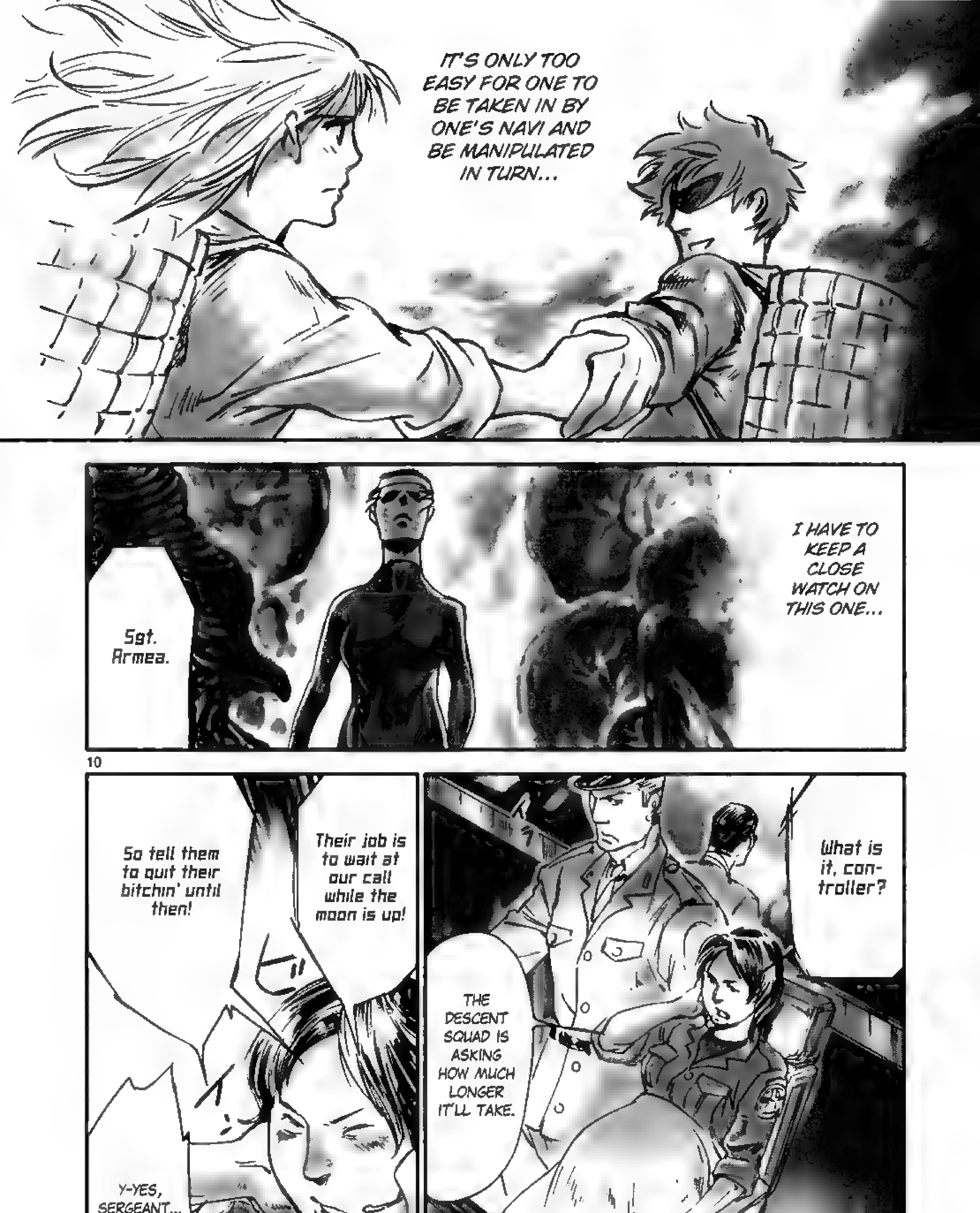
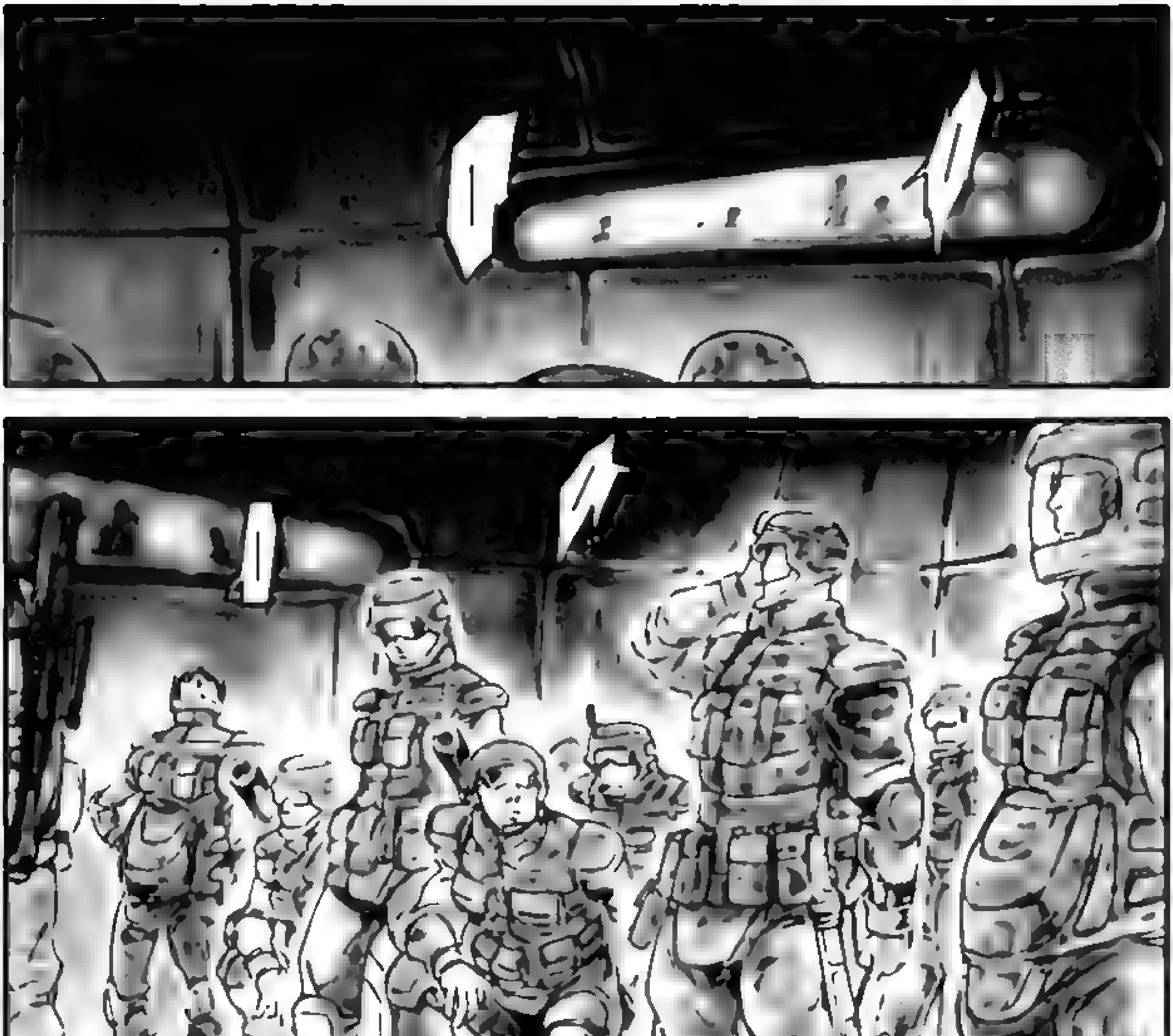

THEY SLIGHTLY ANNOY THEIR HOSTS,
TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH.
THEY'RE A TROUBLESOME BUNCH.
THEY USE ALL THEIR GUILE,
TO UNDO ALL THE DISCIPLINE THAT SAURA AND I'VE TRIED TO INSTILL IN THE TROOPS.
WE CANNOT LET OURSELVES BECOME "USED" BY THE NAVI.


IT'S ONLY TOO EASY FOR ONE TO BE TAKEN IN BY ONE'S NAVI AND BE MANIPULATED IN TURN...
I HAVE TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THIS ONE...
Sgt. Armea.
What is it, controller?
THE DESCENT SQUAD IS ASKING HOW MUCH LONGER IT'LL TAKE.
Their job is to wait at our call while the moon is up!
So tell them to quit their bitchin' until then!
Y-YES, SERGEANT...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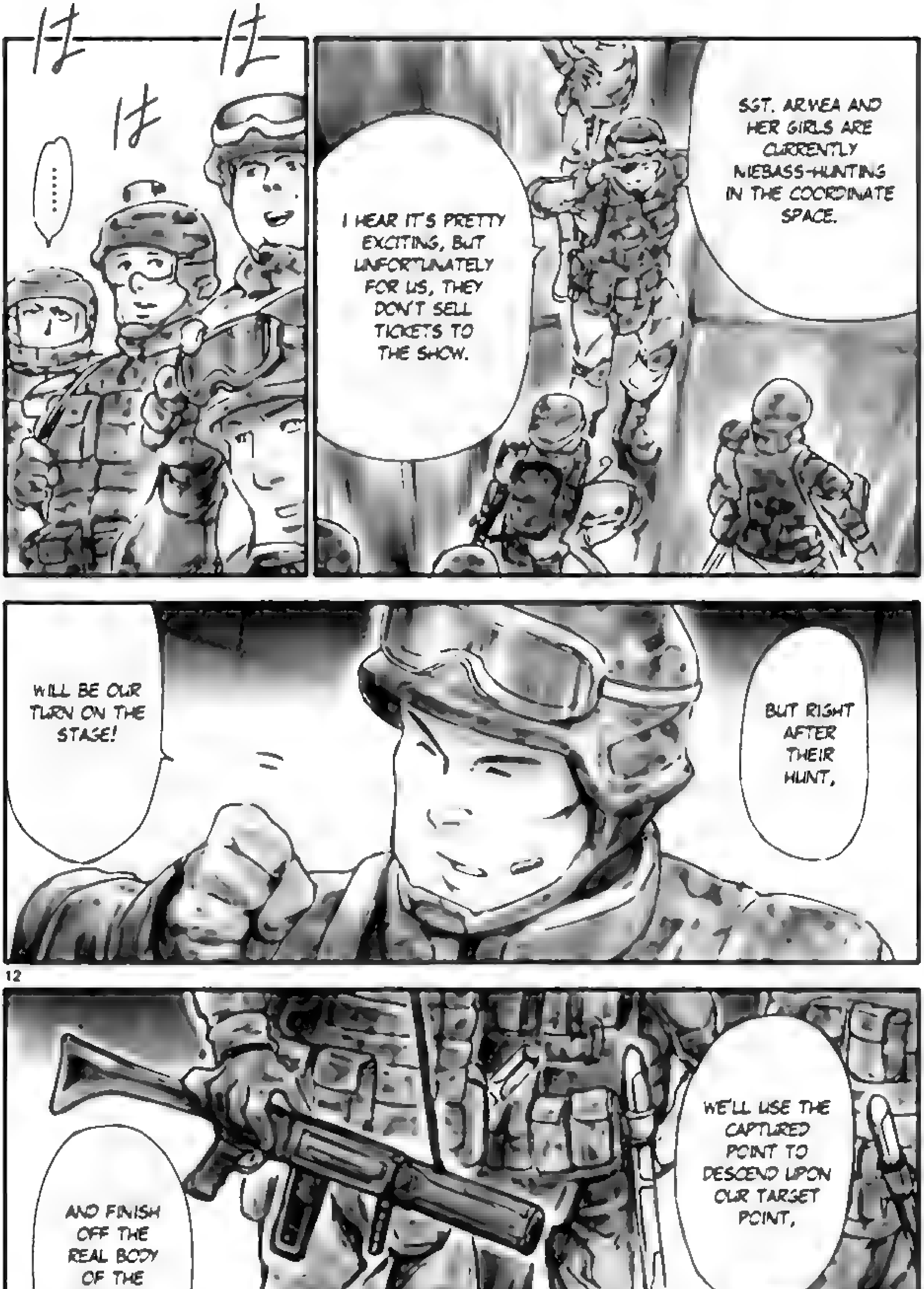
DESCENT SQUAD,
IT SEEMS WE'RE GONNA BE STUCK WAITING FOR A WHILE.
YOU'RE FREE TO STAND EASY BUT REMAIN IN YOUR CURRENT SPOT SO WE DON'T UNDO OUR FORMATION.
IN THE MEAN TIME, I'LL BRIEF YOU ON OUR CURRENT SITUATION.


SGT. ARWEA AND HER GIRLS ARE CURRENTLY NIEBASS-HUNTING IN THE COORDINATE SPACE.
I HEAR IT'S PRETTY EXCITING, BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR US, THEY DON'T SELL TICKETS TO THE SHOW.
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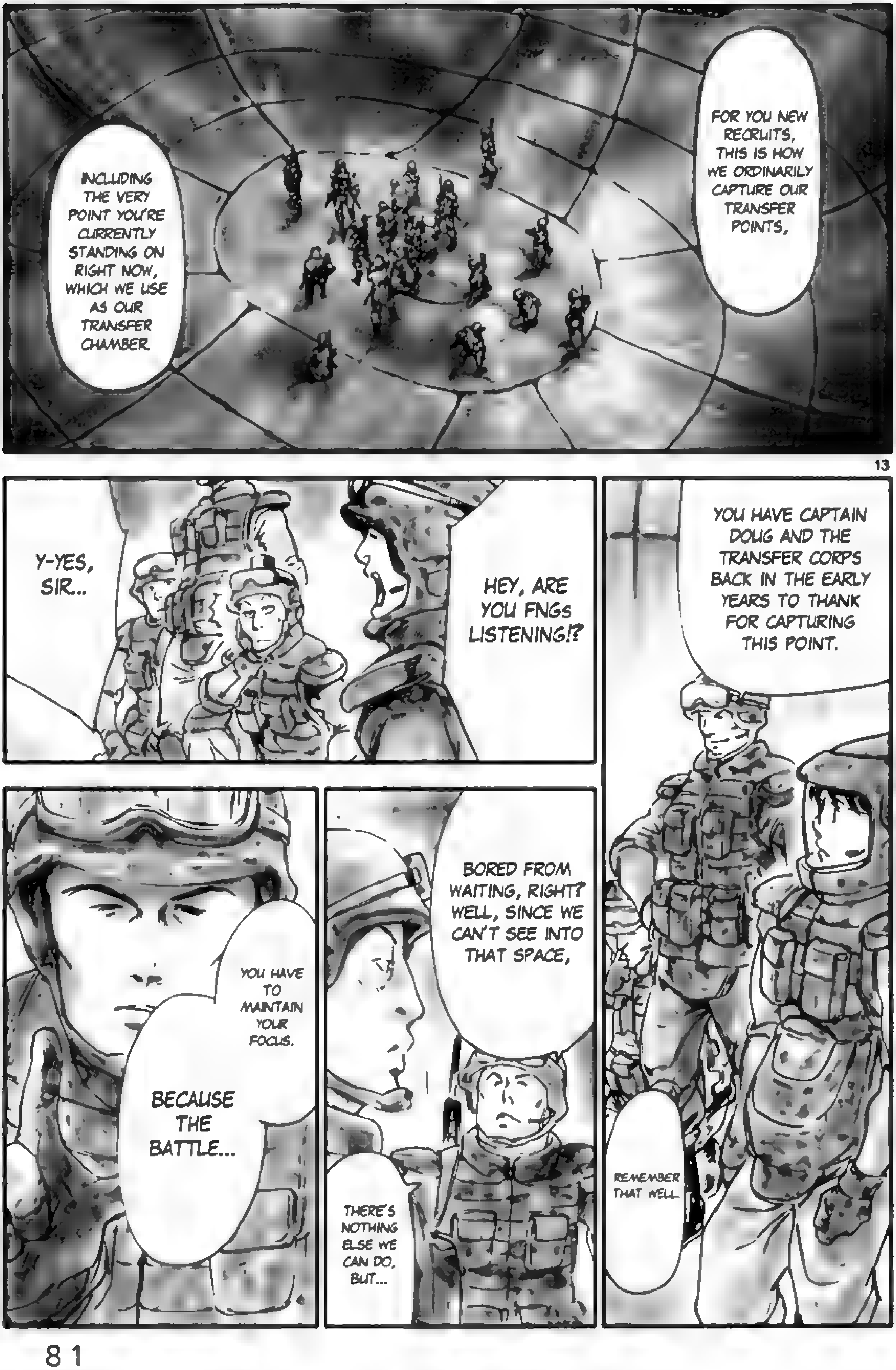
BUT RIGHT AFTER THEIR HUNT,
WILL BE OUR TURN ON THE STAGE!
WE'LL USE THE CAPTURED POINT TO DESCEND UPON OUR TARGET POINT,
AND FINISH OFF THE REAL BODY OF THE WEAKENED NIEBASS.


FOR YOU NEW RECRUITS, THIS IS HOW WE ORDINARILY CAPTURE OUR TRANSFER POINTS,
INCLUDING THE VERY POINT YOU'RE CURRENTLY STANDING ON RIGHT NOW, WHICH WE USE AS OUR TRANSFER CHAMBER.
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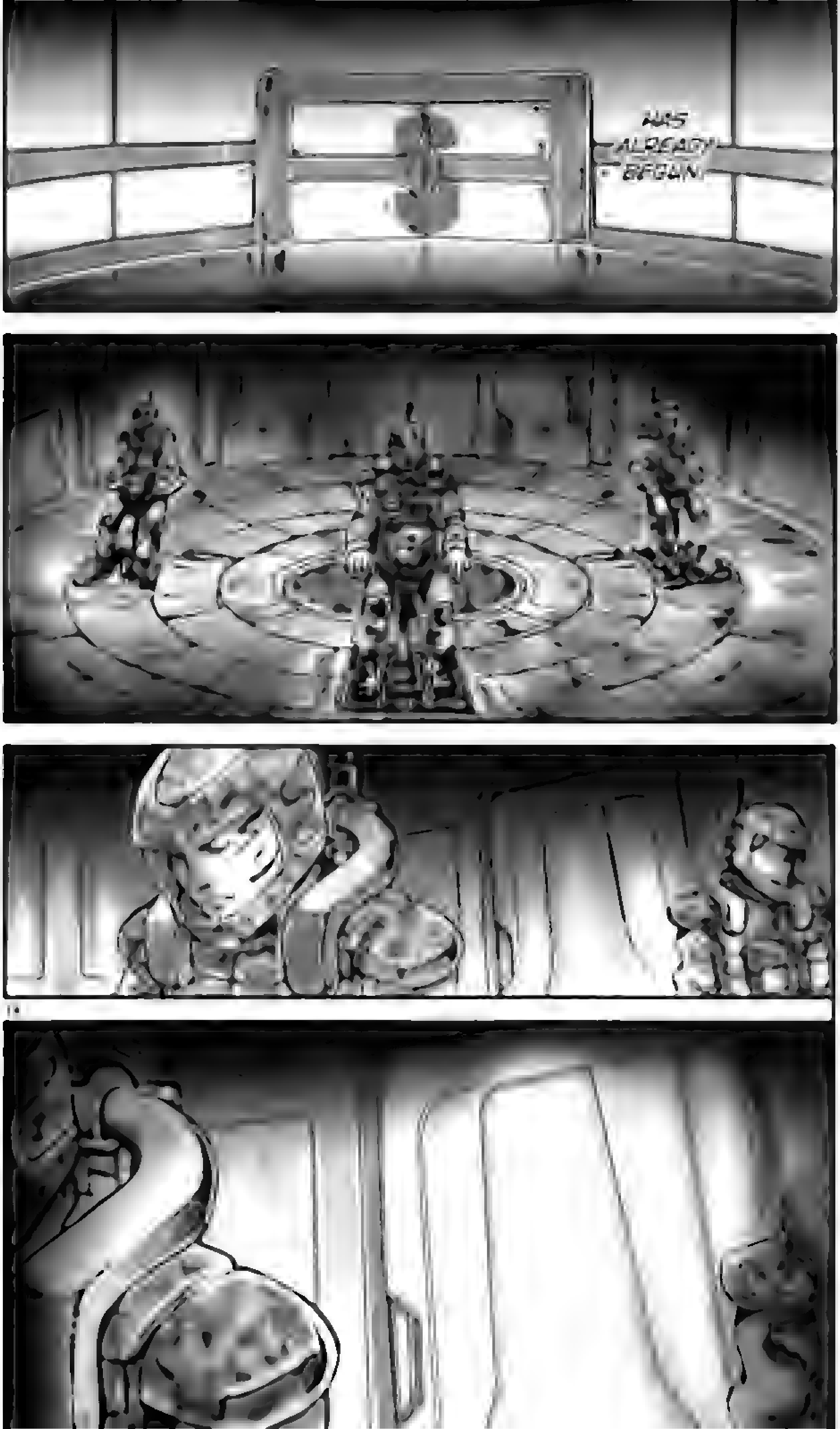
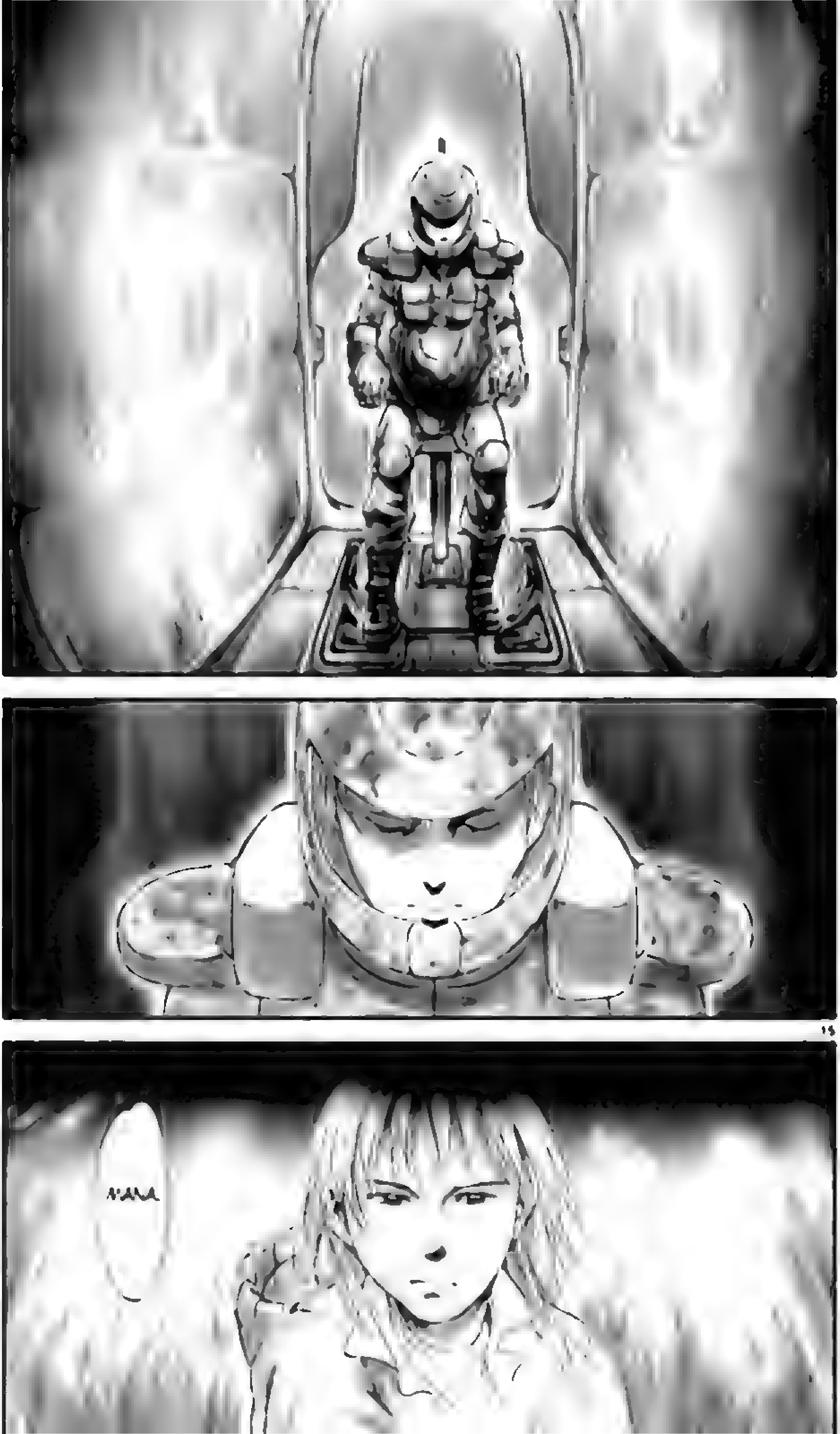
YOU HAVE CAPTAIN DOUG AND THE TRANSFER CORPS BACK IN THE EARLY YEARS TO THANK FOR CAPTURING THIS POINT.
REMEMBER THAT WELL.
HEY, ARE YOU FNGs LISTENING!?
Y-YES, SIR...
BORED FROM WAITING, RIGHT? WELL, SINCE WE CAN'T SEE INTO THAT SPACE,
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO, BUT...
YOU HAVE TO MAINTAIN YOUR FOCUS.
BECAUSE THE BATTLE...


HAS ALREADY BEGAN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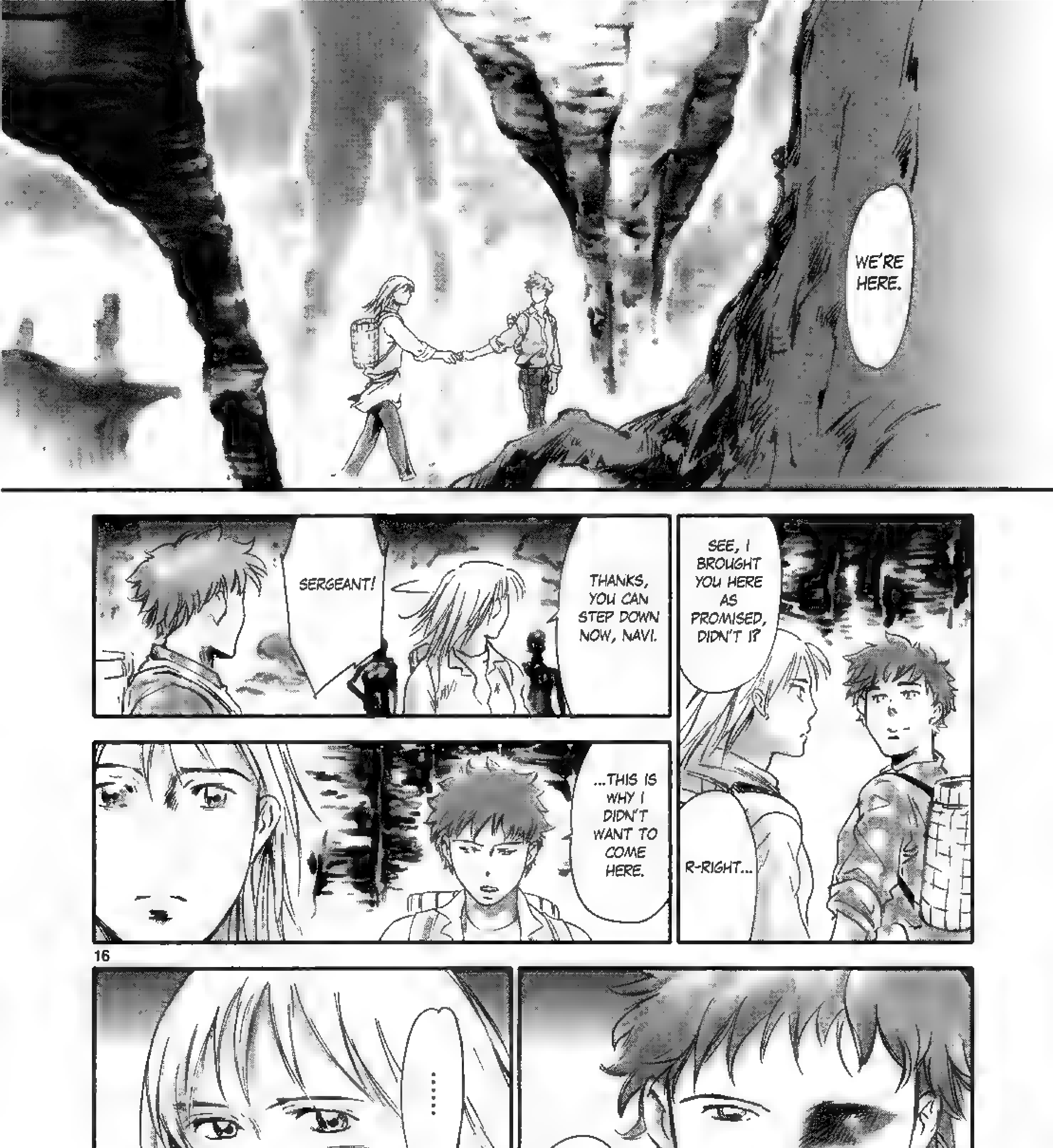
WE'RE HERE.
SEE, I BROUGHT YOU HERE AS PROMISED, DIDN'T I?
R-RIGHT...
THANKS, YOU CAN STEP DOWN NOW, NAVI.
SERGEANT!
...THIS IS WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO COME HERE.
I WISH I COULD WALK WITH YOU FOREVER, MANA.
BUT I KNEW AS SOON AS I BROUGHT YOU HERE, OUR WALK TOGETHER WOULD END.
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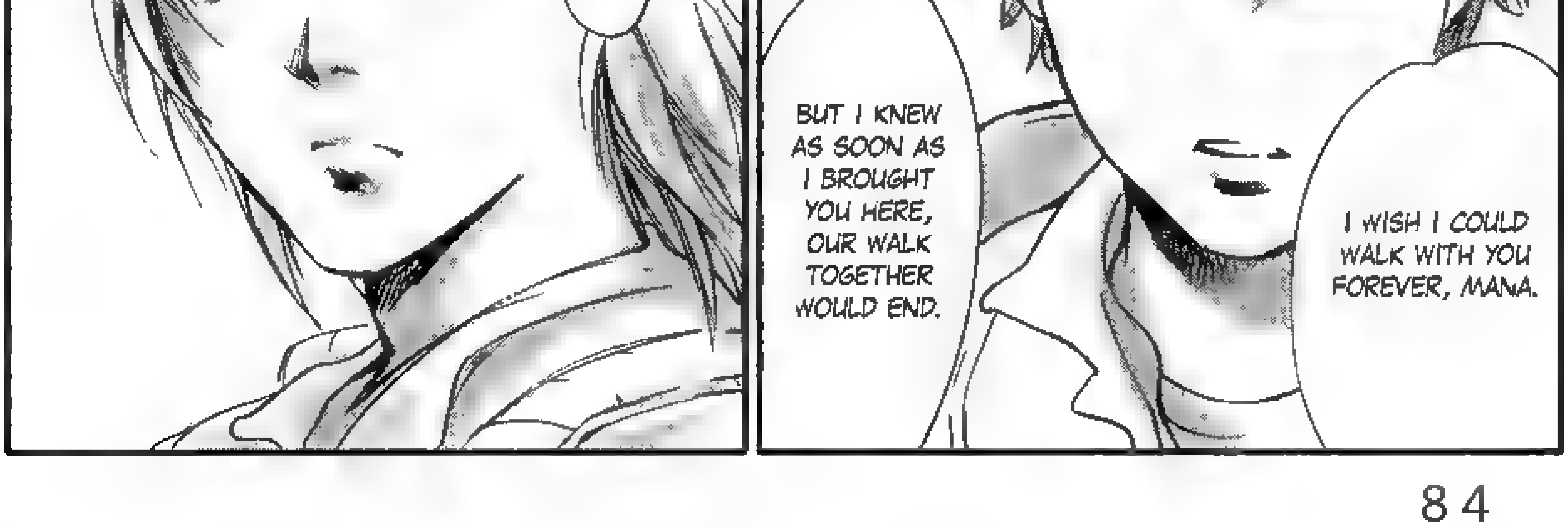

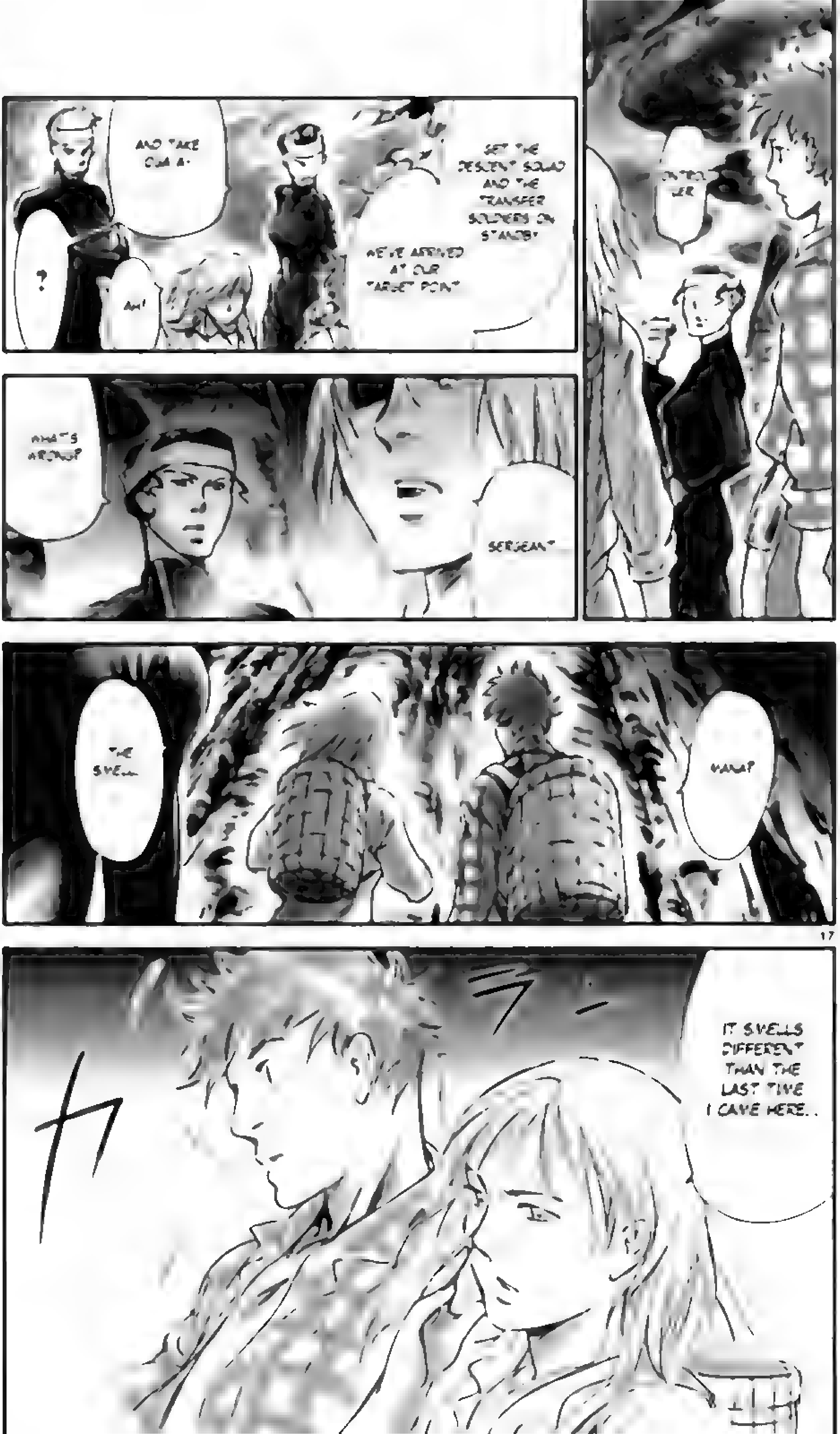
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SET THE DESCENT SQUAD AND THE TRANSFER SOLDIERS ON STANDBY
WE'VE ARRIVED AT OUR TARGET POINT
AND TAKE CUMA-
AH!
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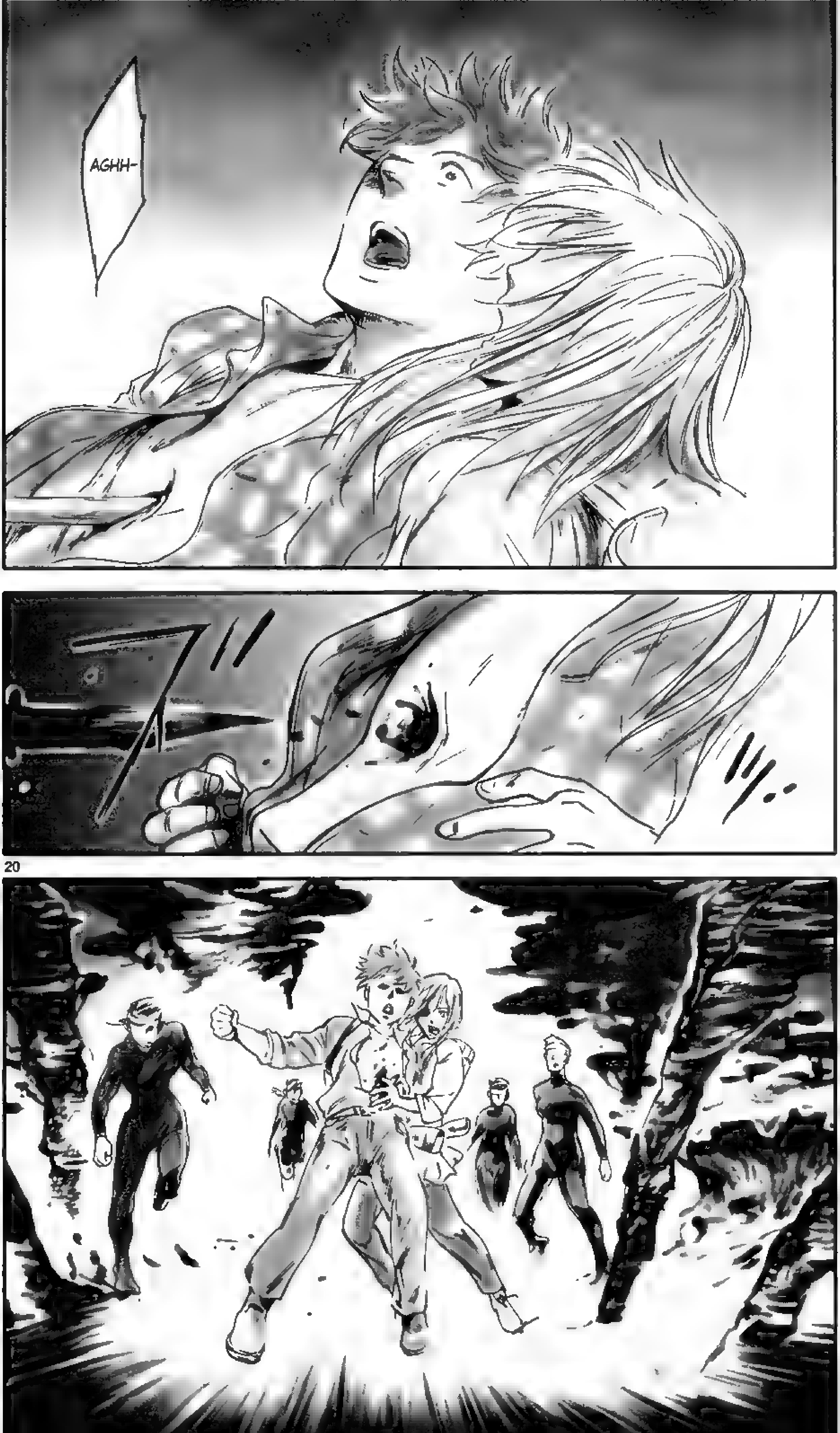
SERGEANT...
WHAT'S WRONG?
HANA?
THE SMELL...
IT SMELLS DIFFERENT THAN THE LAST TIME I CAME HERE..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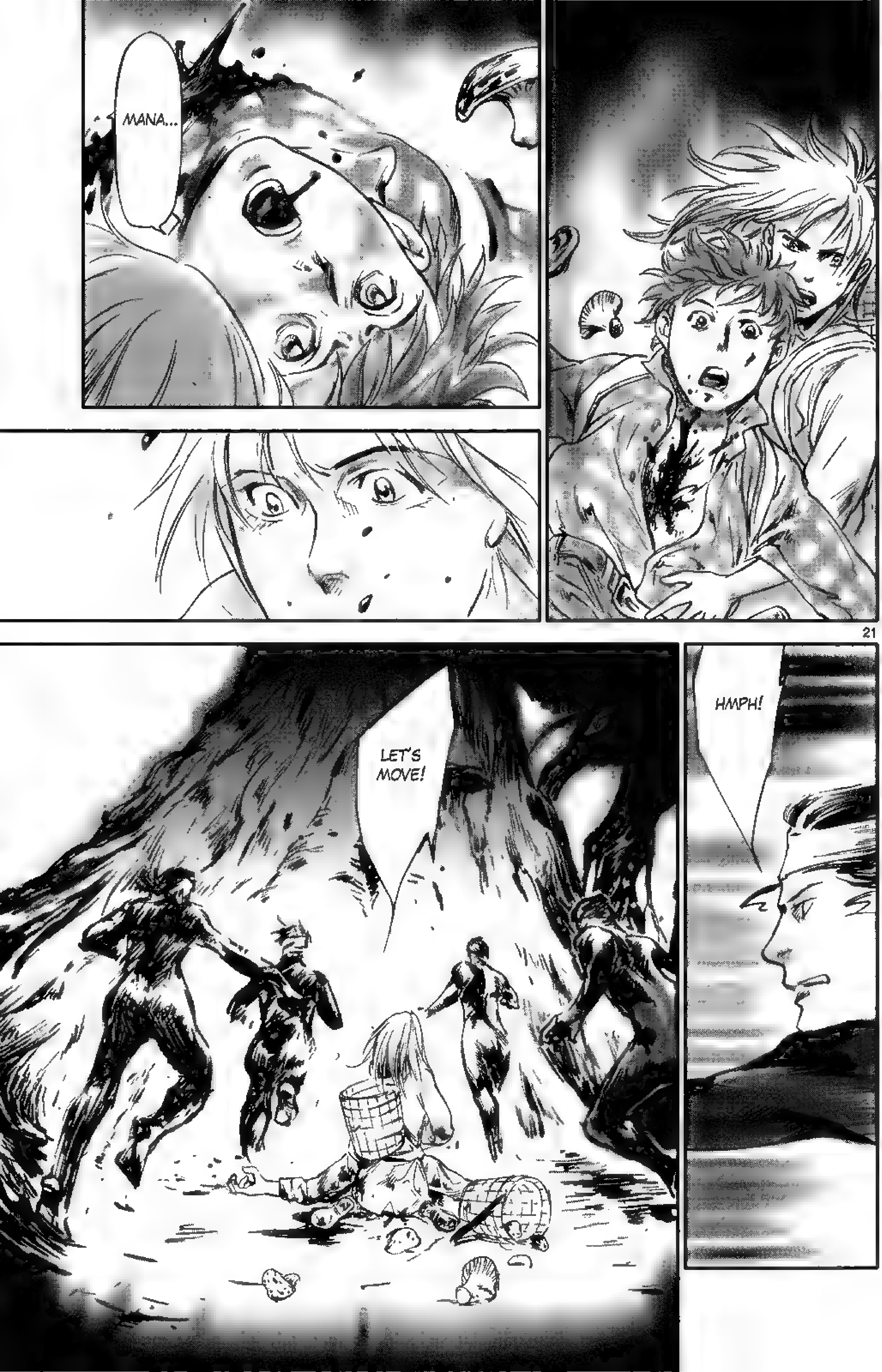
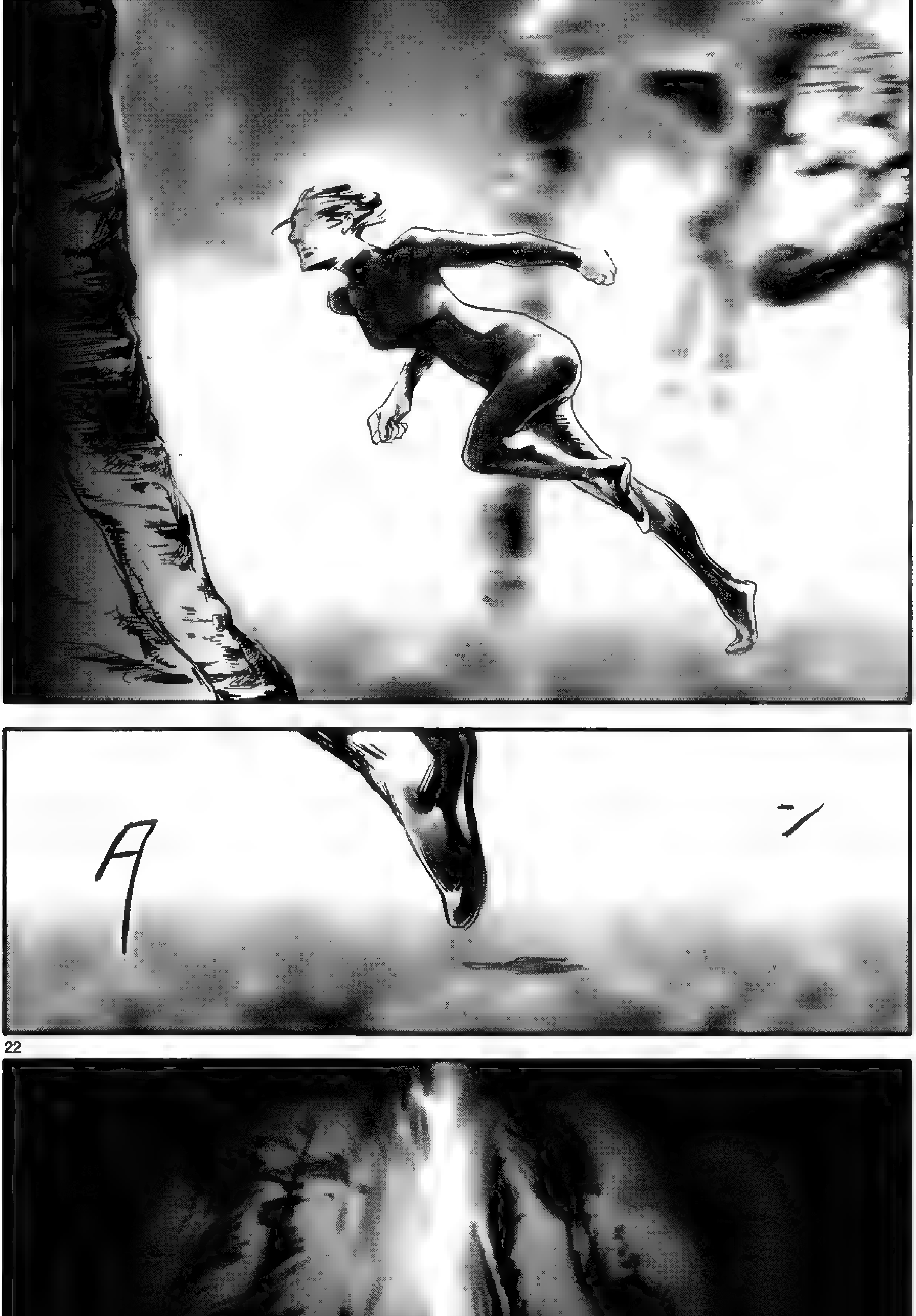

MANA...
HMPH!
LET'S MOVE!



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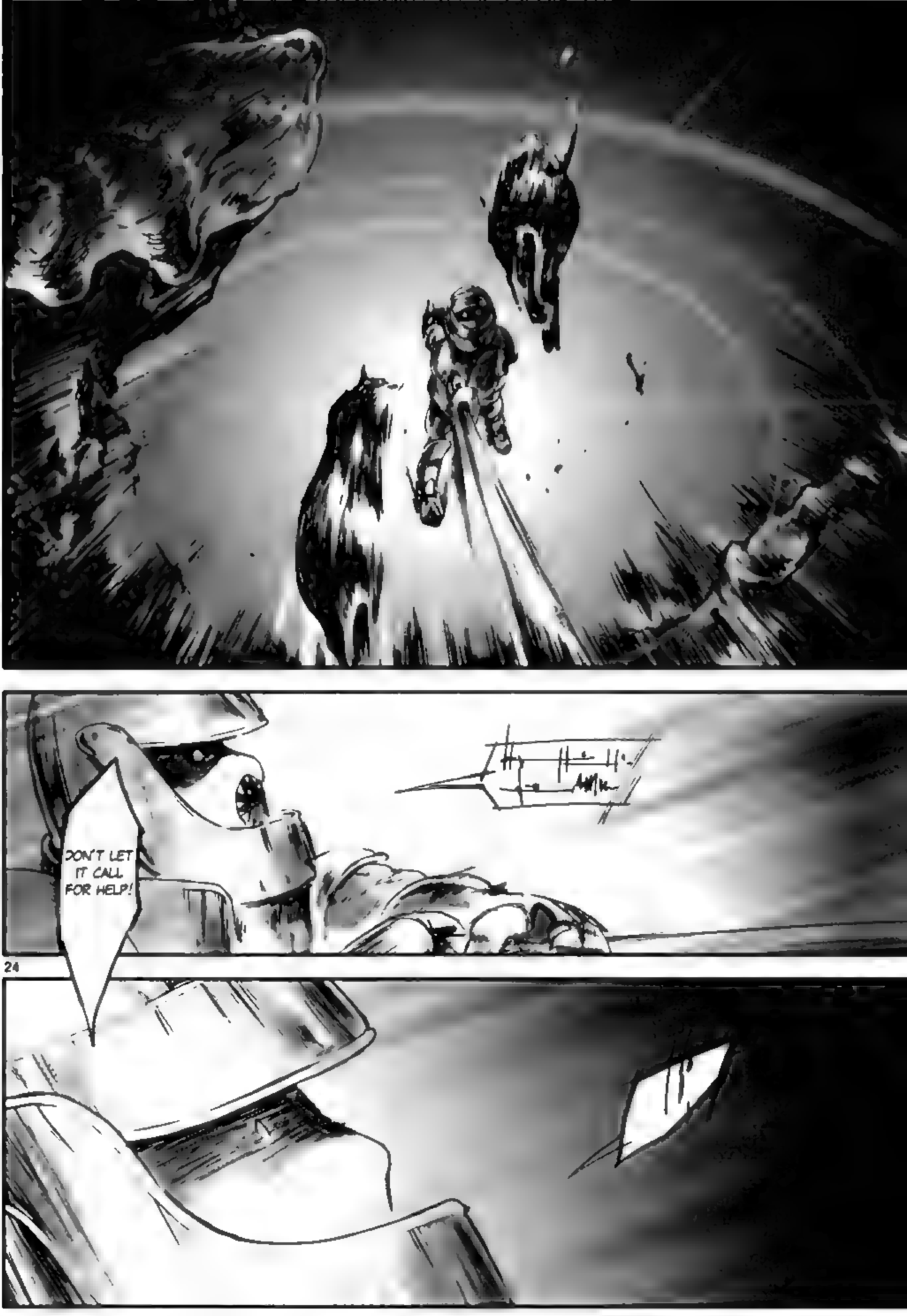
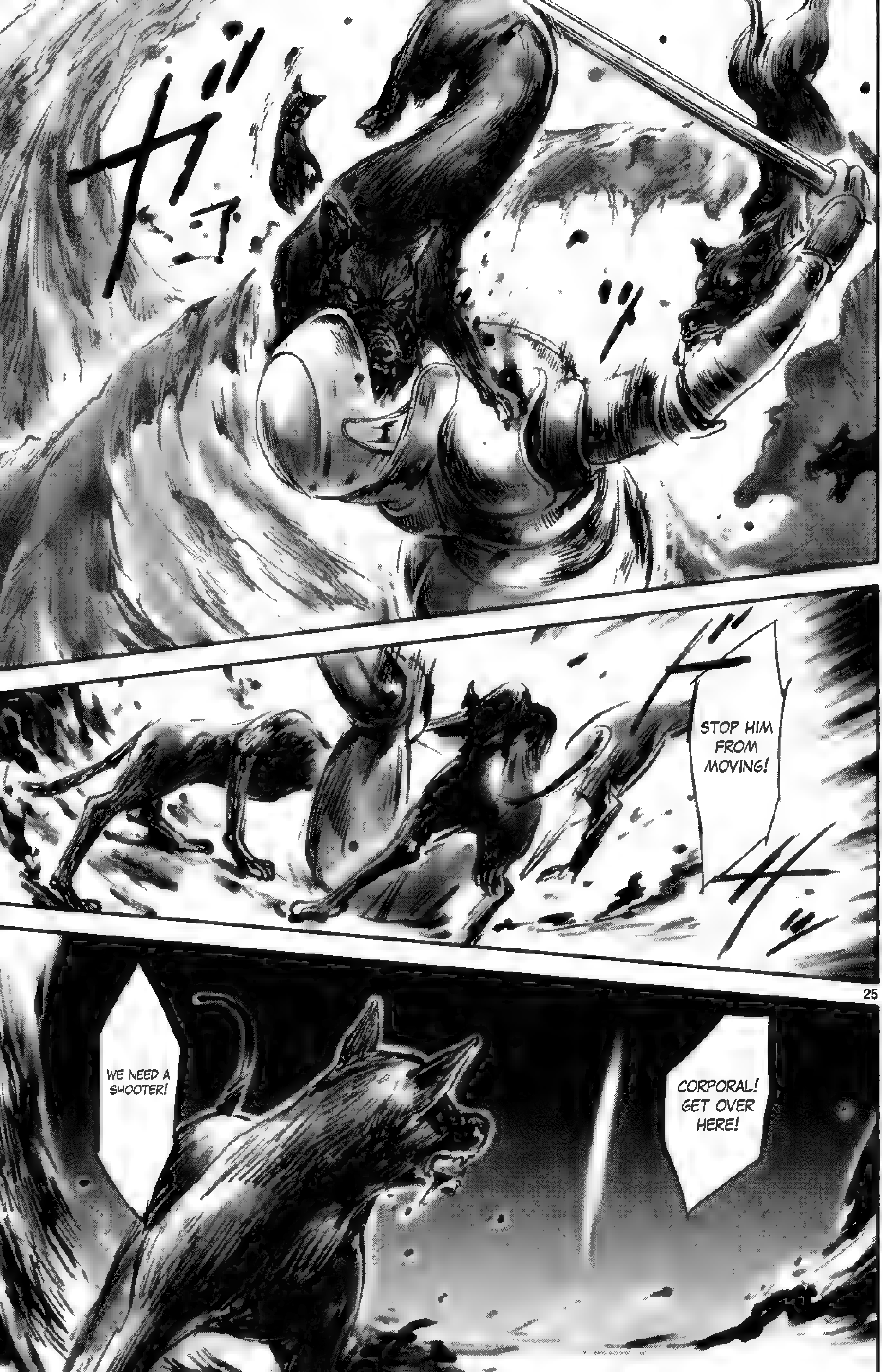

DON'T LET IT CALL FOR HELP!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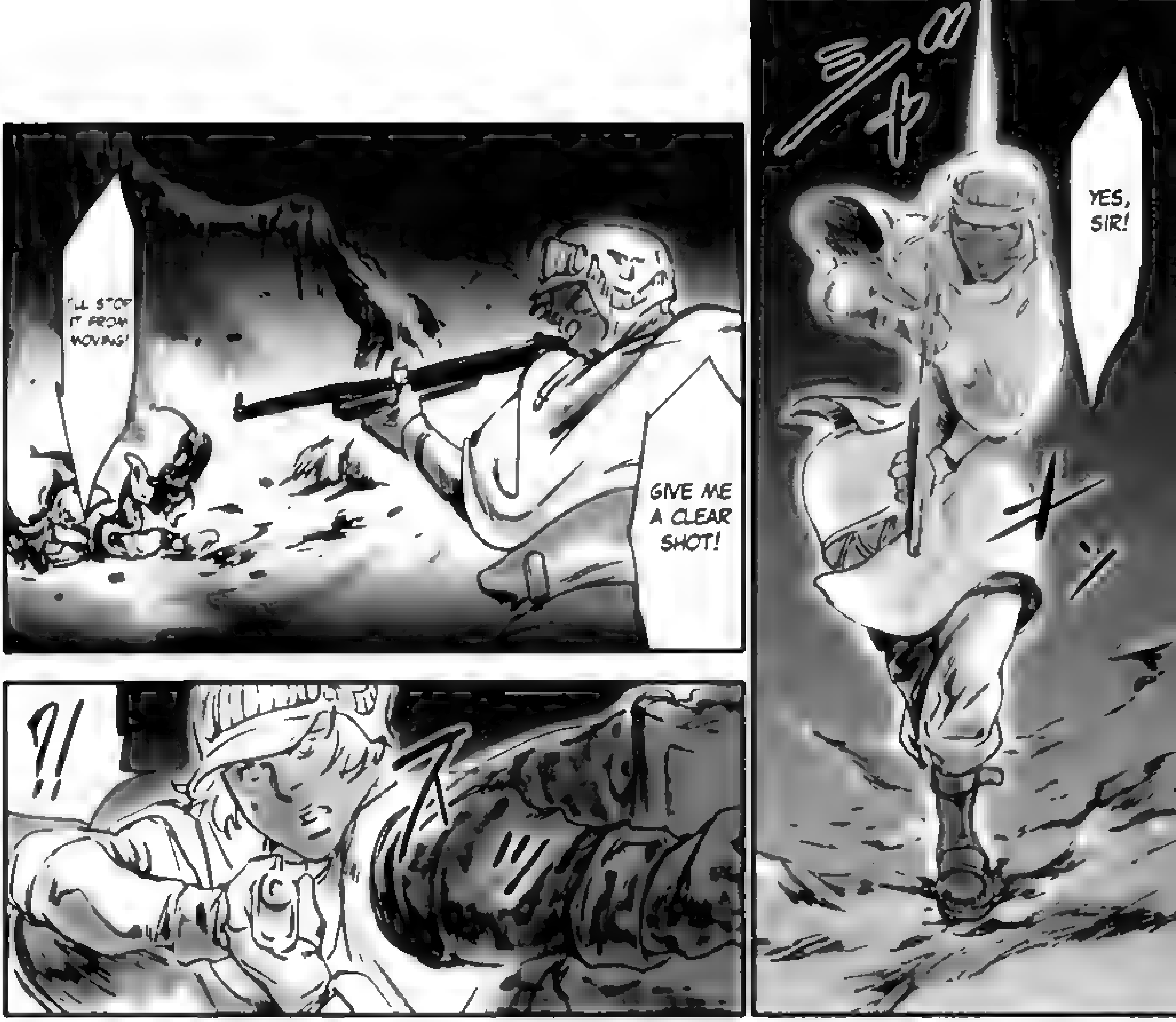
STOP HIM FROM MOVING!
CORPORAL! GET OVER HERE!
WE NEED A SHOOTER!


I'LL STOP IT FROM MOVING!
GIVE ME A CLEAR SHOT!
YES, SIR!
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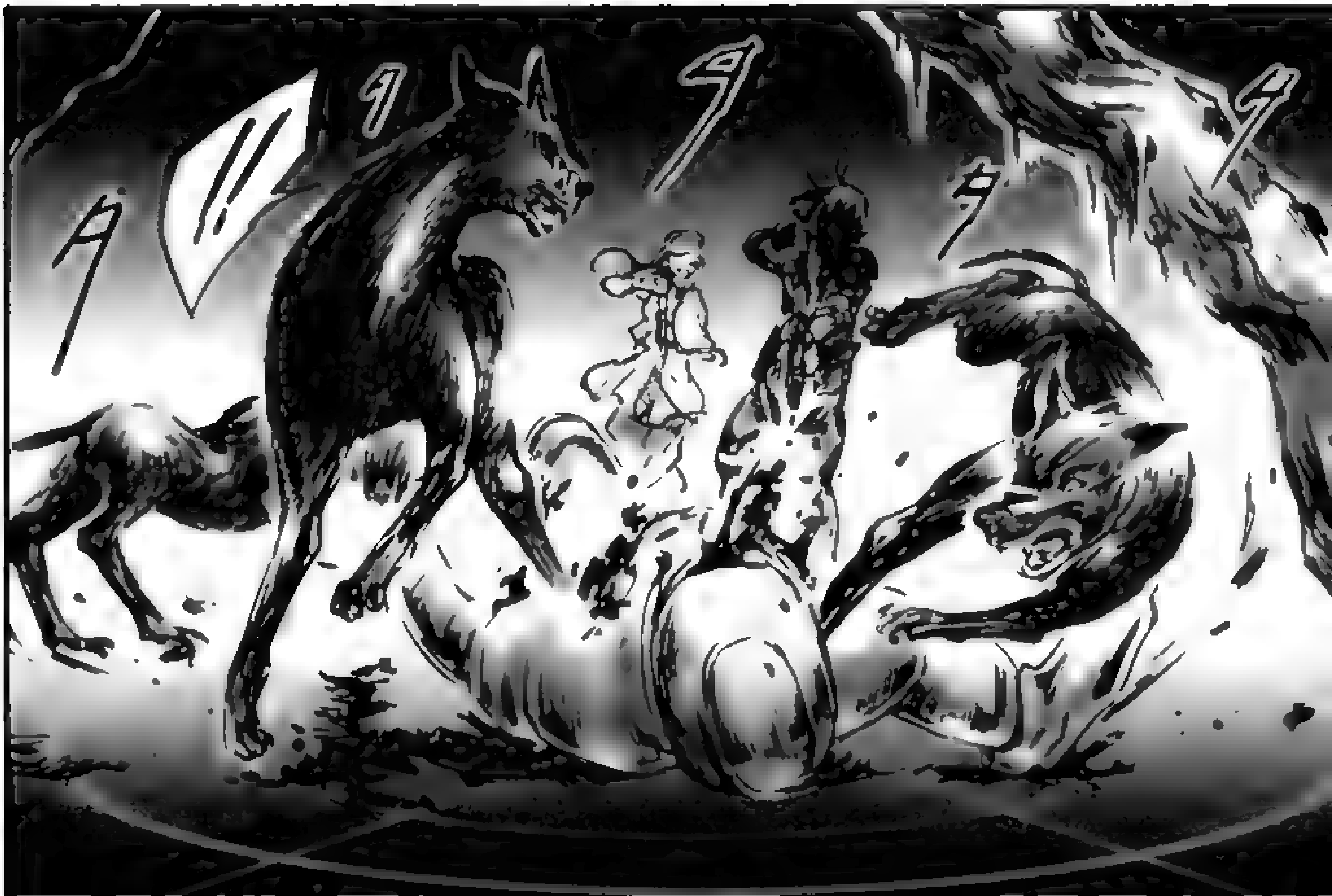
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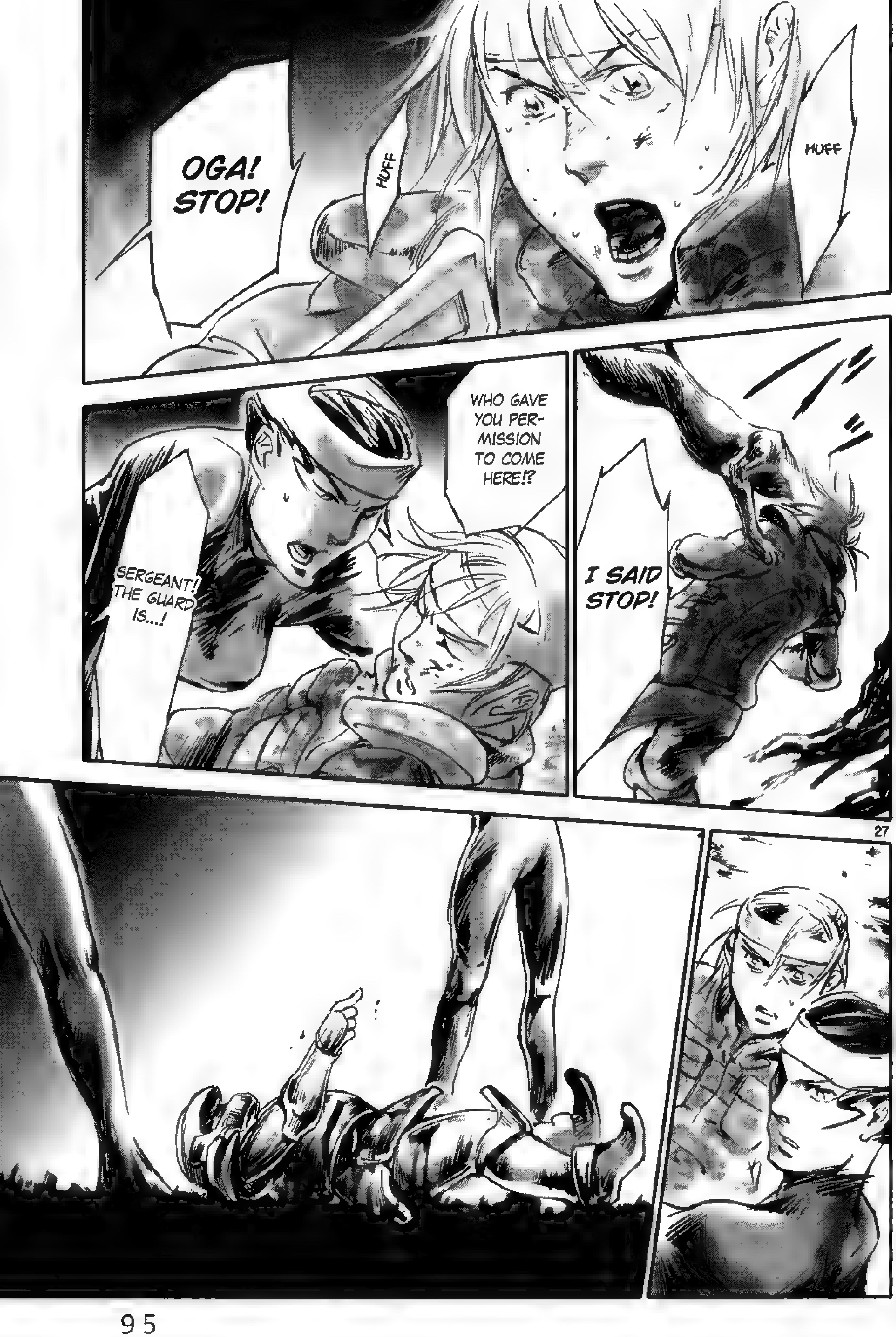
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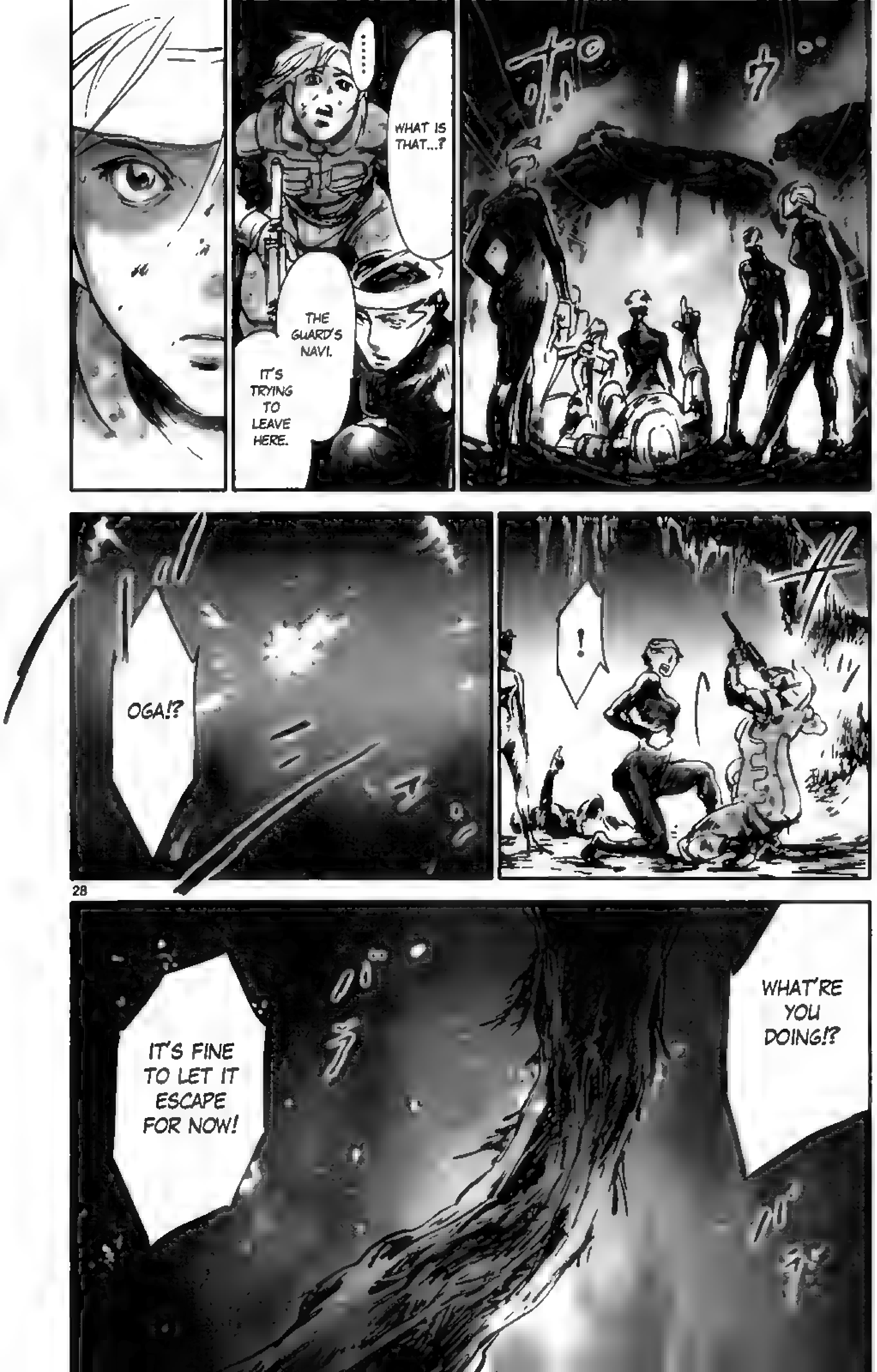
OGA! STOP!
I SAID STOP!
WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO COME HERE!?
SERGEANT! THE GUARD IS...!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WHAT IS THAT…?
THE GUARD'S NAVI.
IT'S TRYING TO LEAVE HERE.
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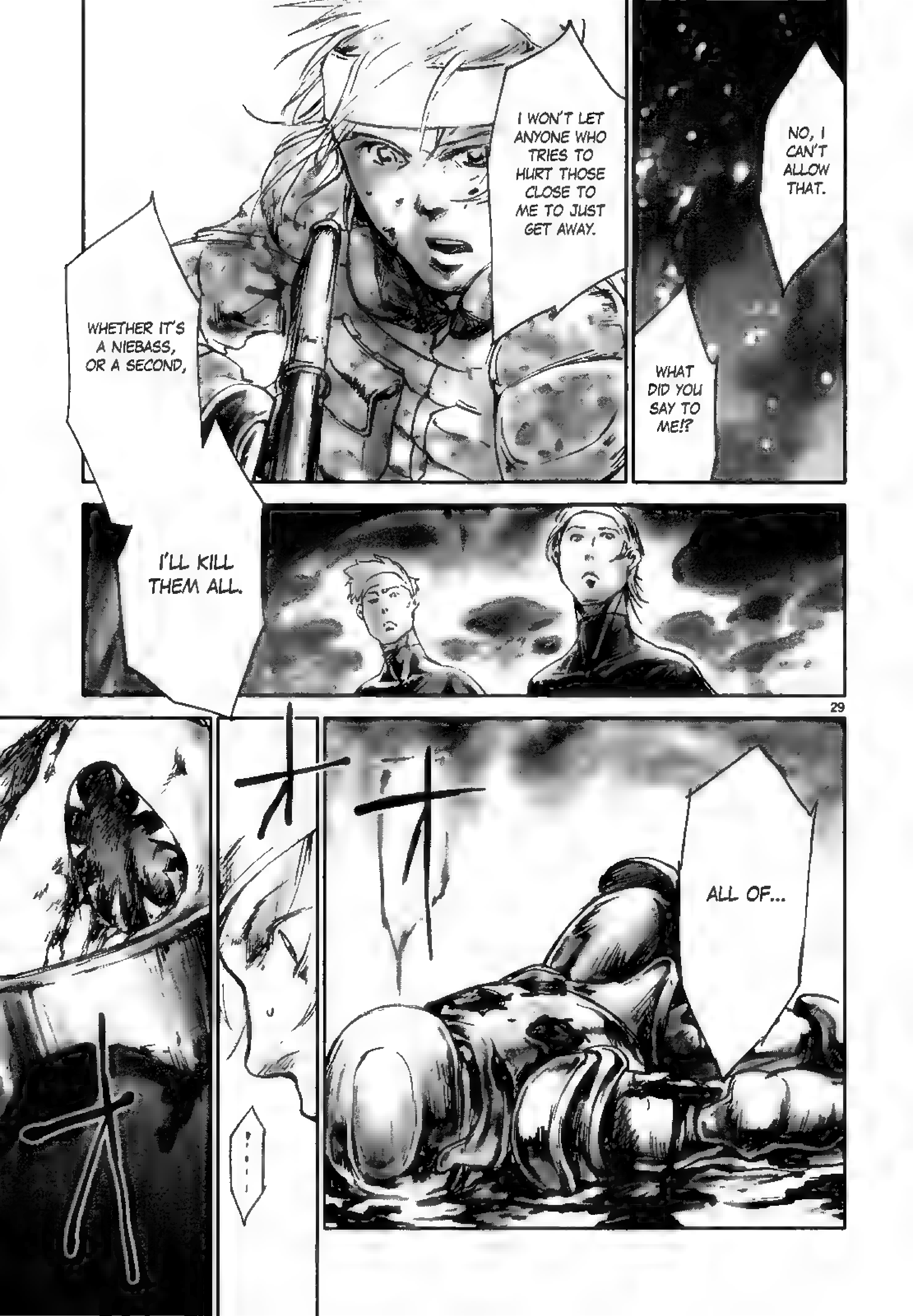
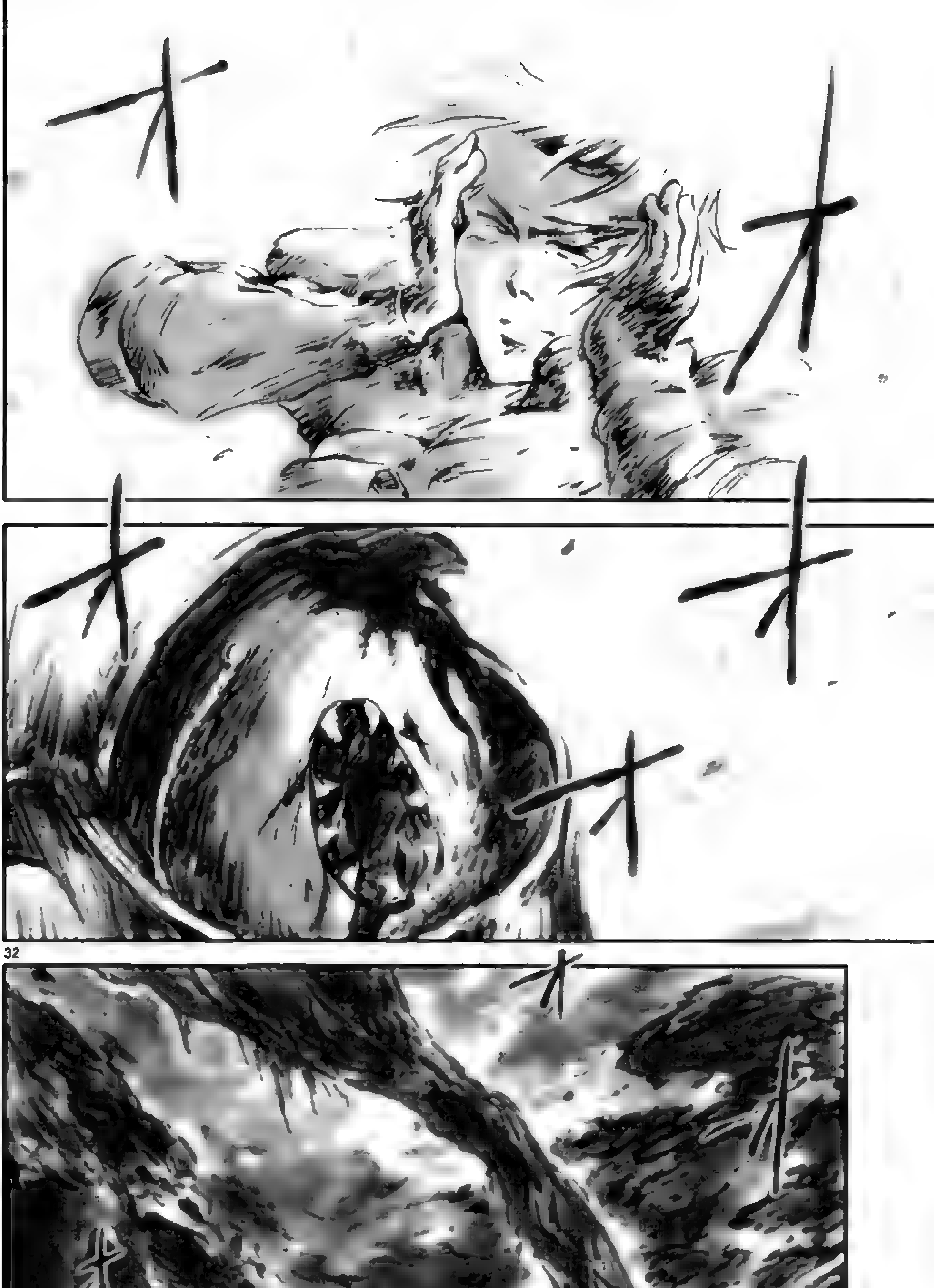
OGA!?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
IT'S FINE TO LET IT ESCAPE FOR NOW!


NO, I CAN'T ALLOW THAT.
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO ME!?
I WON'T LET ANYONE WHO TRIES TO HURT THOSE CLOSE TO ME TO JUST GET AWAY.
WHETHER IT'S A NIEBASS, OR A SECOND,
I'LL KILL THEM ALL.
ALL OF...
...!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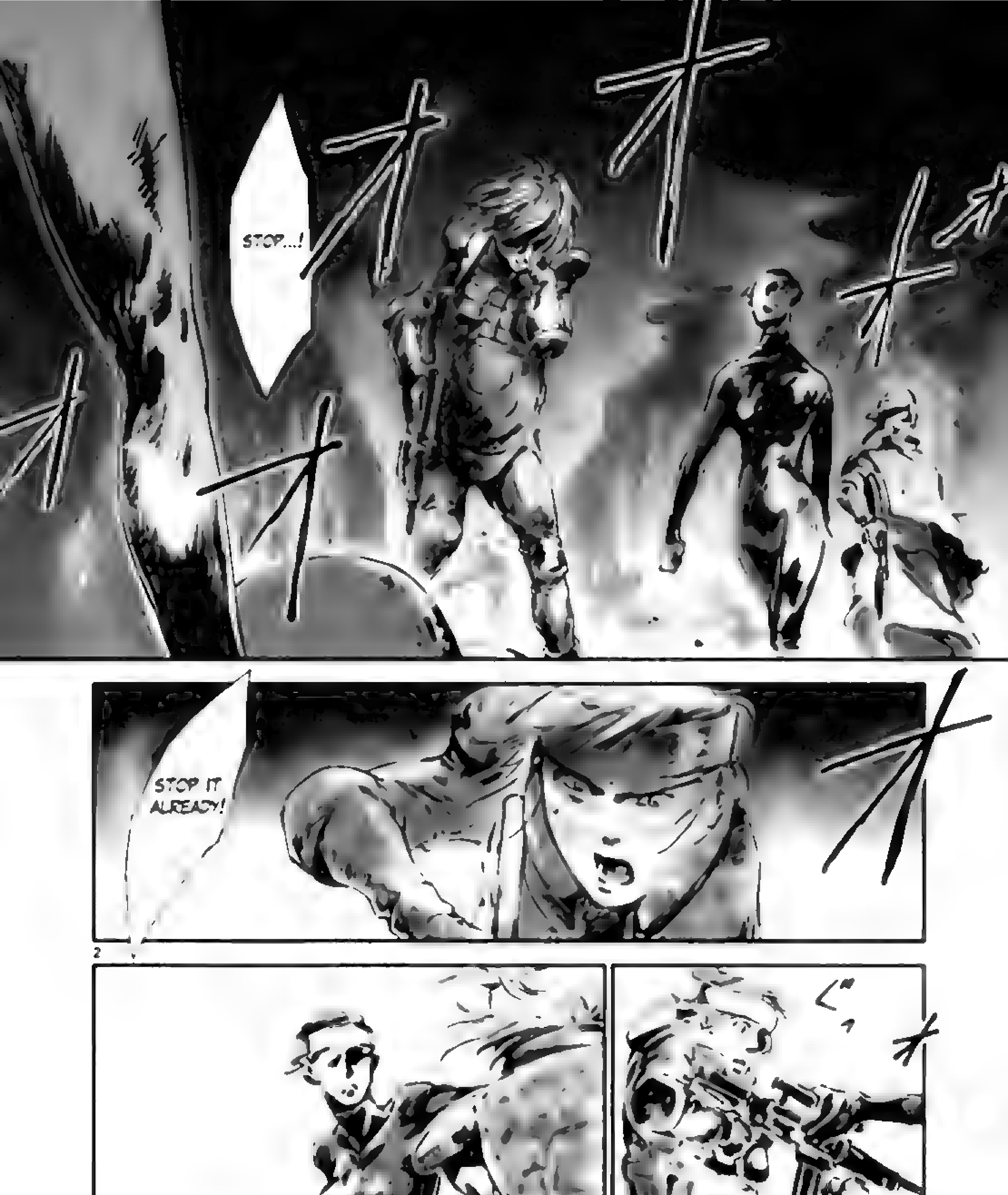
STOP...!
STOP IT ALREADY!
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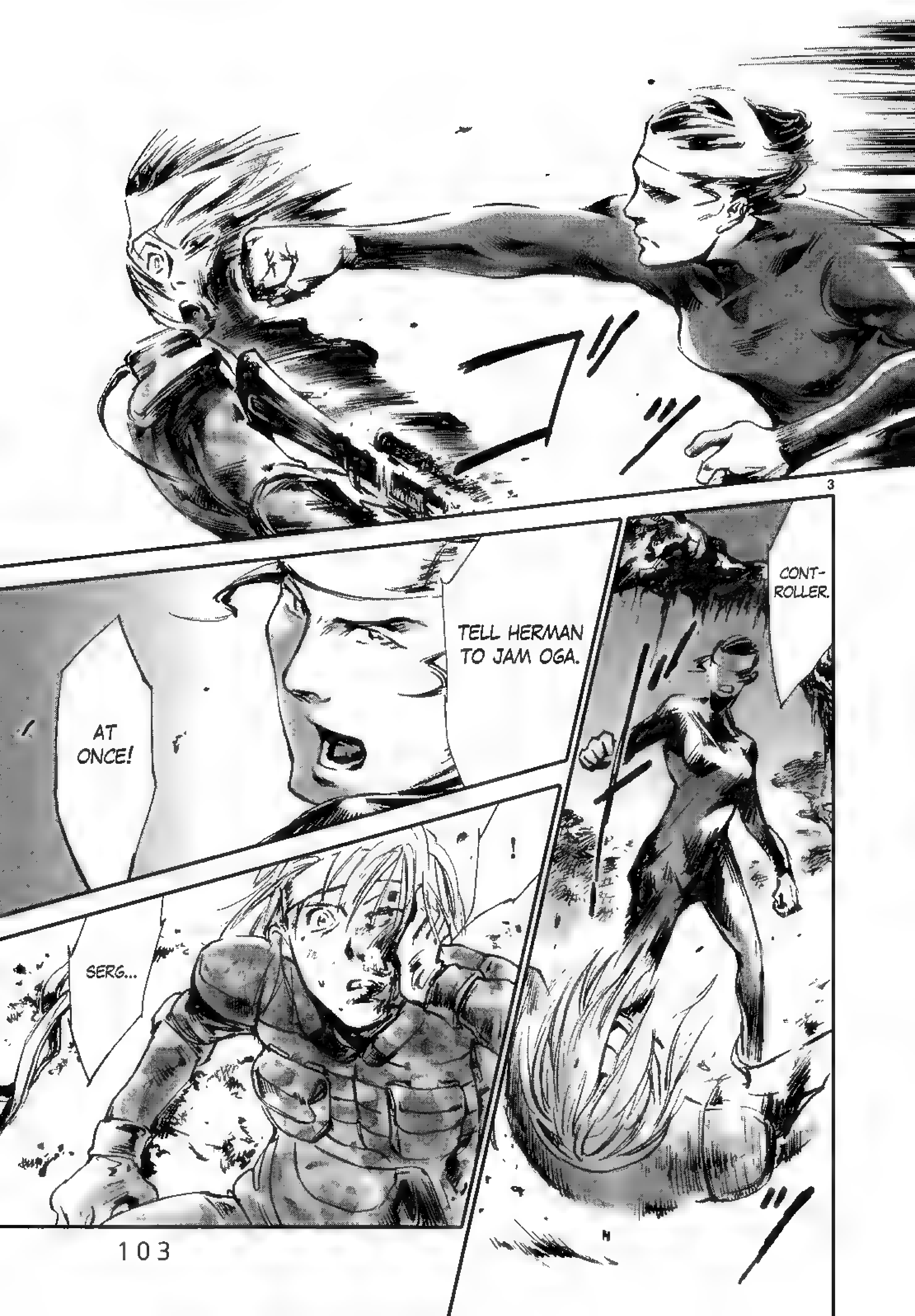
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CONT-ROLLER.
TELL HERMAN TO JAM OGA.
AT ONCE!
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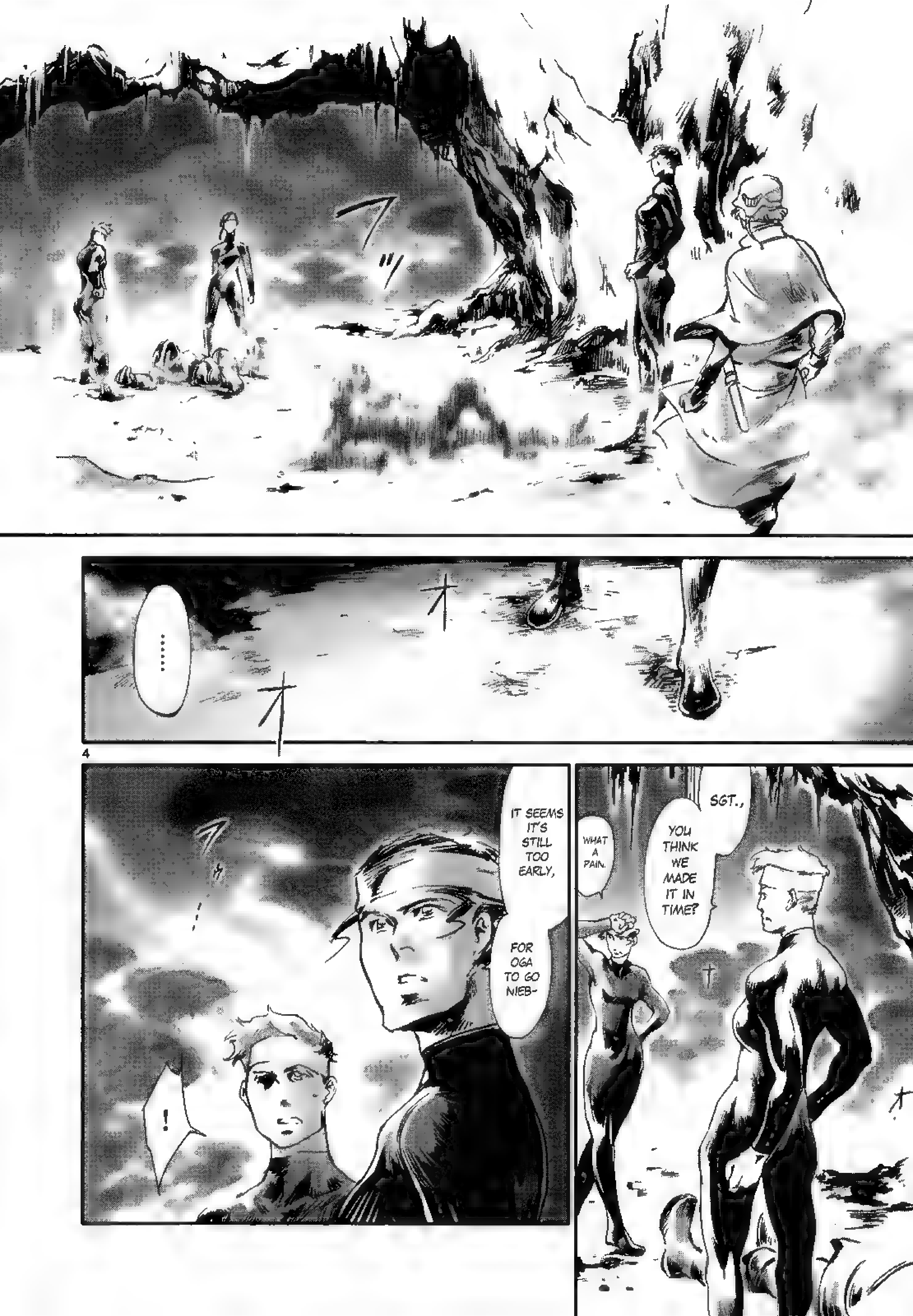
SERG...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SGT.,
YOU THINK WE MADE IT IN TIME?
WHAT A PAIN.
IT SEEMS IT'S STILL TOO EARLY,
FOR OGA TO GO NIEB-
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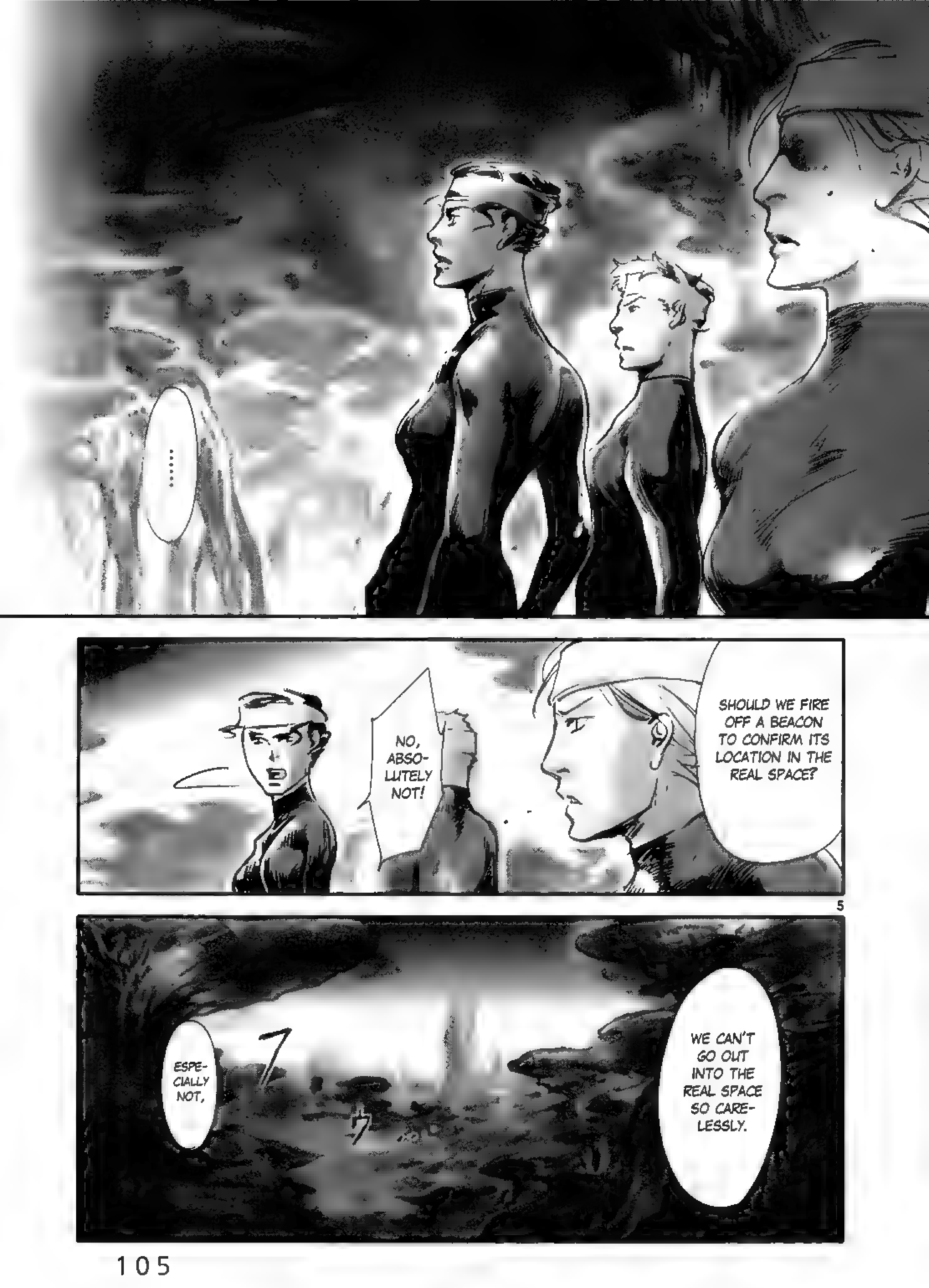
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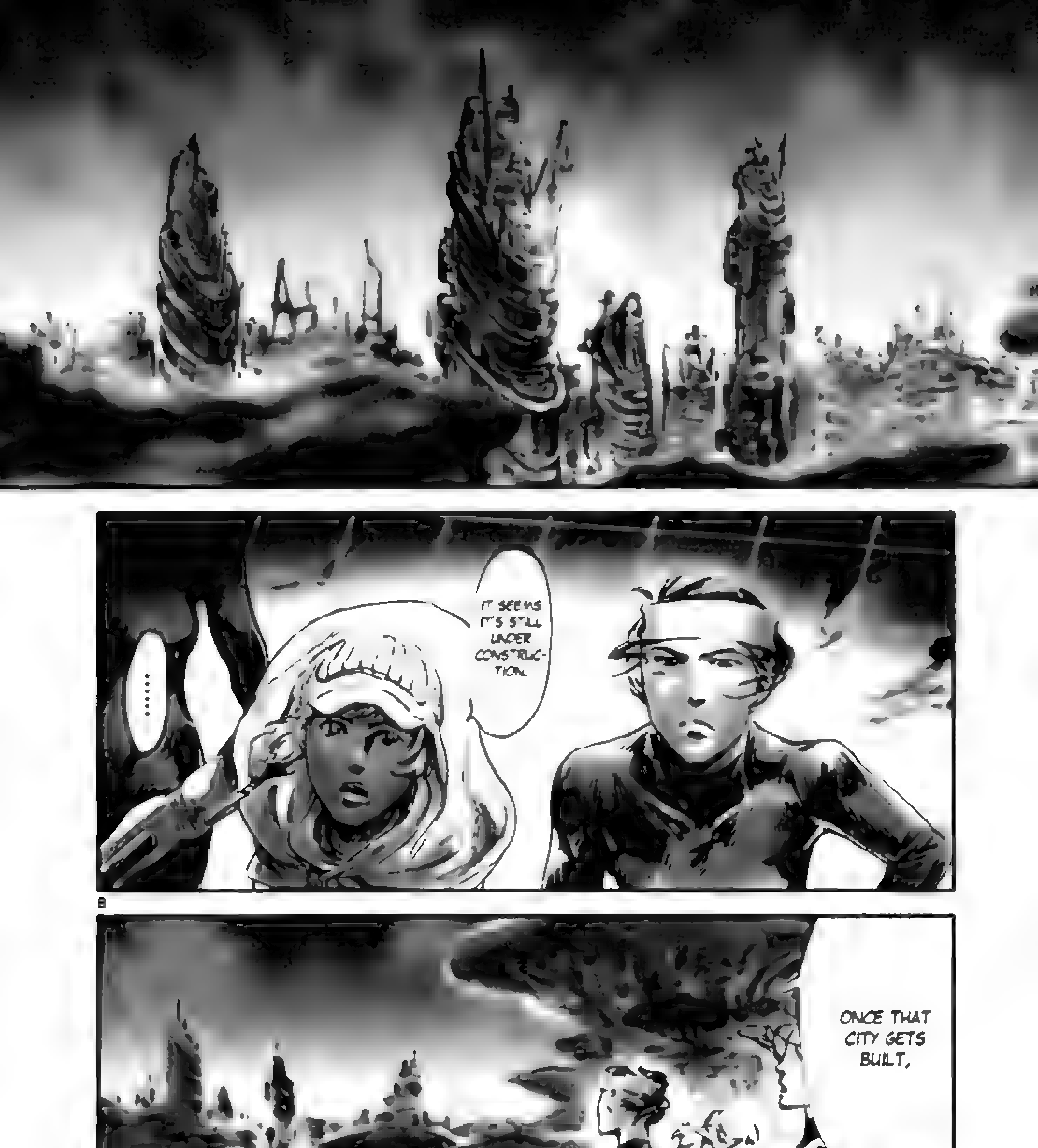
SHOULD WE FIRE OFF A BEACON TO CONFIRM ITS LOCATION IN THE REAL SPACE?
NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT!
WE CAN'T GO OUT INTO THE REAL SPACE SO CARELESSLY.
ESPECIALLY NOT,

...WHEN WE'RE SO NEAR.
TO THE [illegible] CAPITAL.


IT SEEMS IT'S STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
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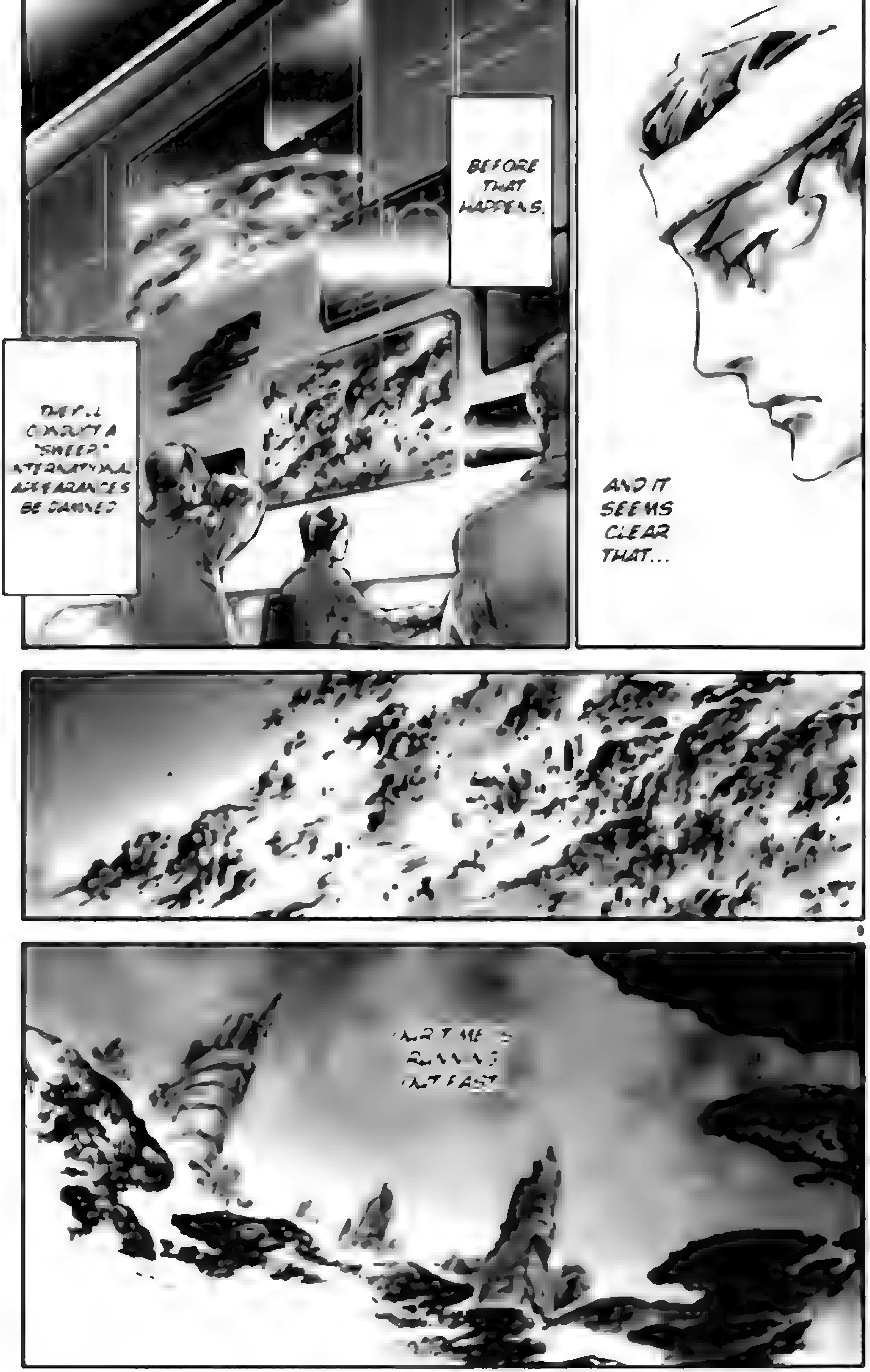
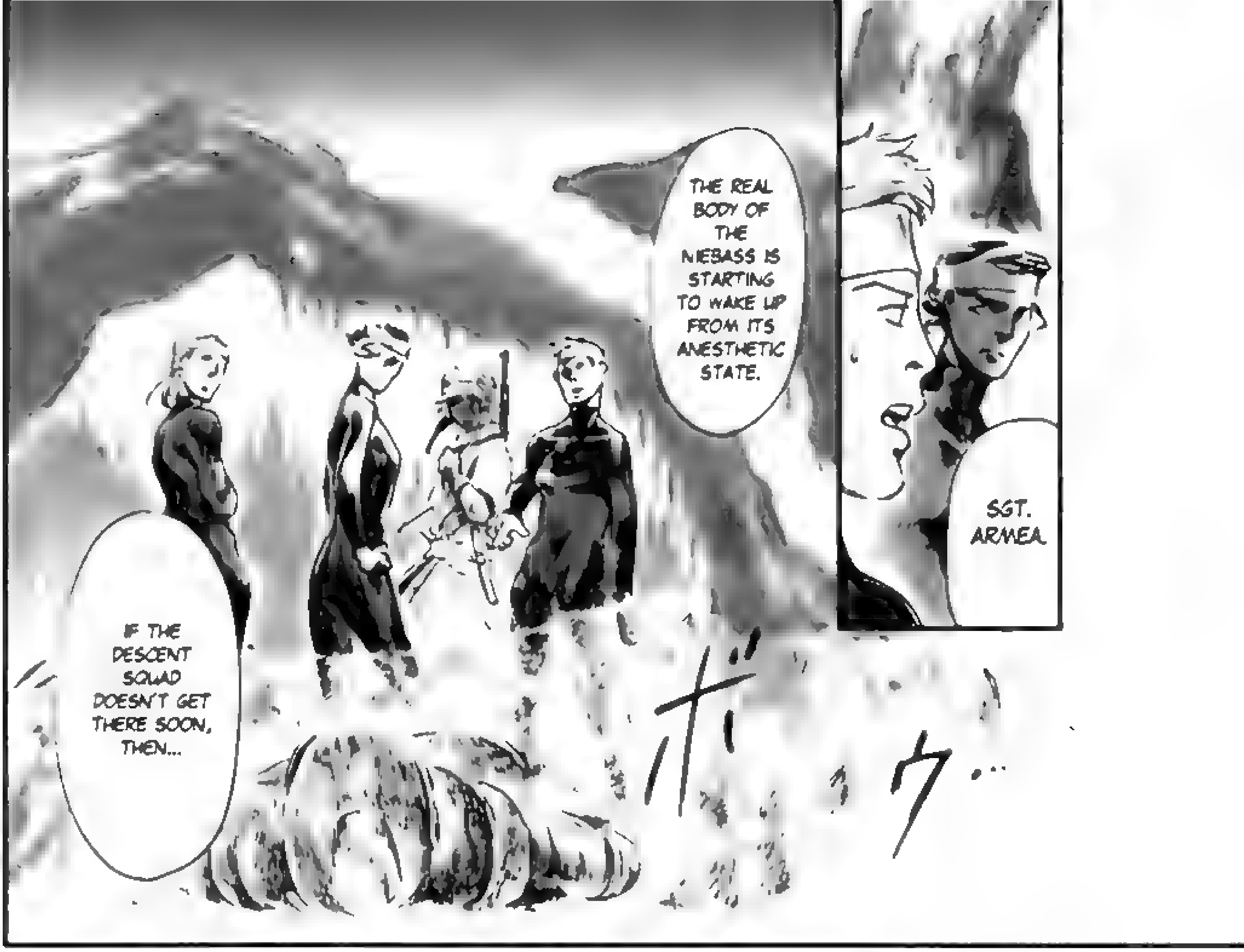
ONCE THAT CITY GETS BUILT,
THEY'RE GONNA START CLAIMING THEMSELVES AS "LEGITIMATE INHABITANTS."


THEY'LL CONDUCT A "SWEEP," INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES BE DAMNED.
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.
AND IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT...
OUR TIME'S RUNNING OUT FAST.


THE REAL BODY OF THE NEBASS IS STARTING TO WAKE UP FROM ITS ANESTHETIC STATE.
SGT. ARMEA.
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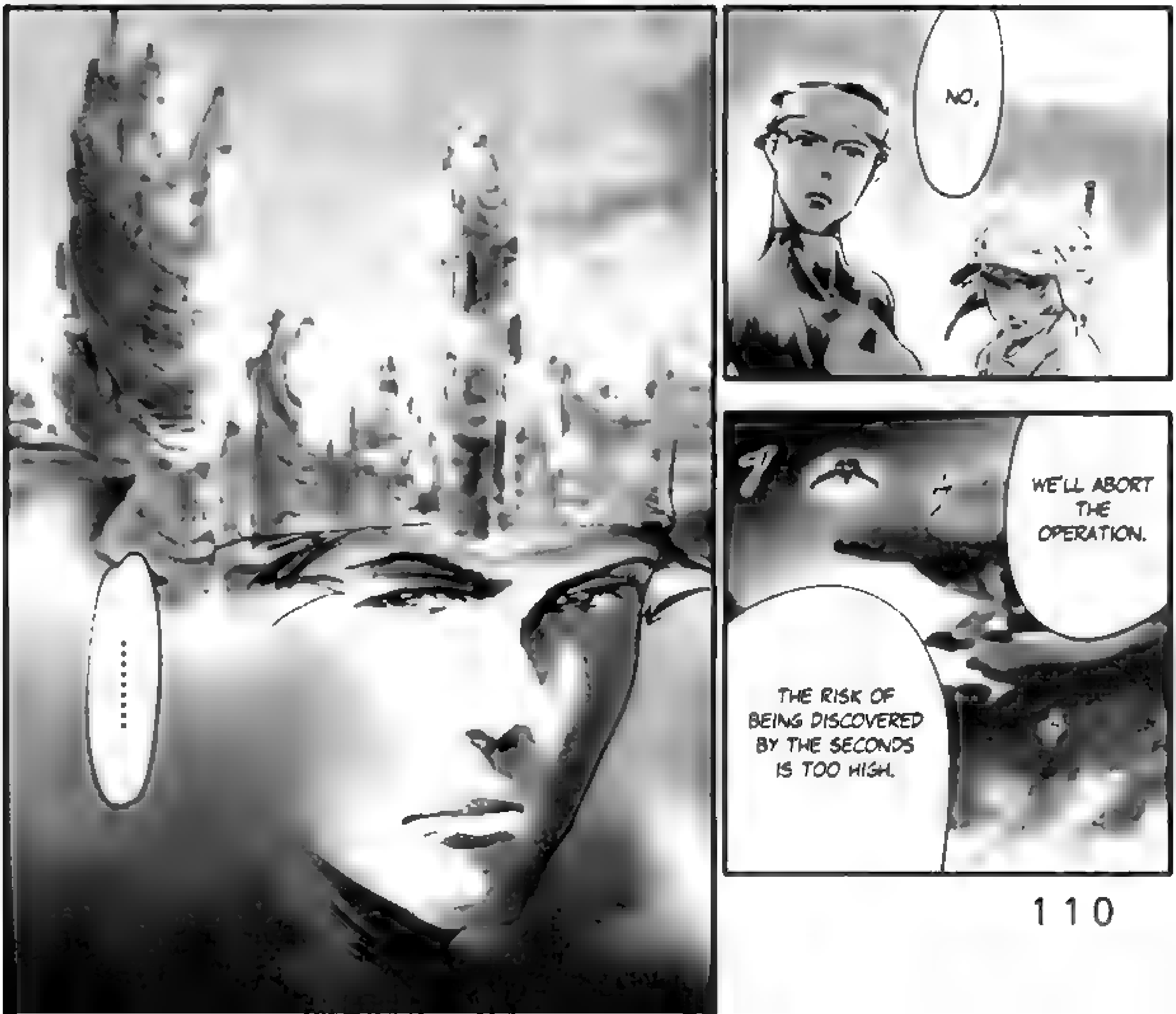
IF THE DESCENT SQUAD DOESN'T GET THERE SOON, THEN...


NO,
WE'LL ABORT THE OPERATION.
THE RISK OF BEING DISCOVERED BY THE SECONDS IS TOO HIGH.
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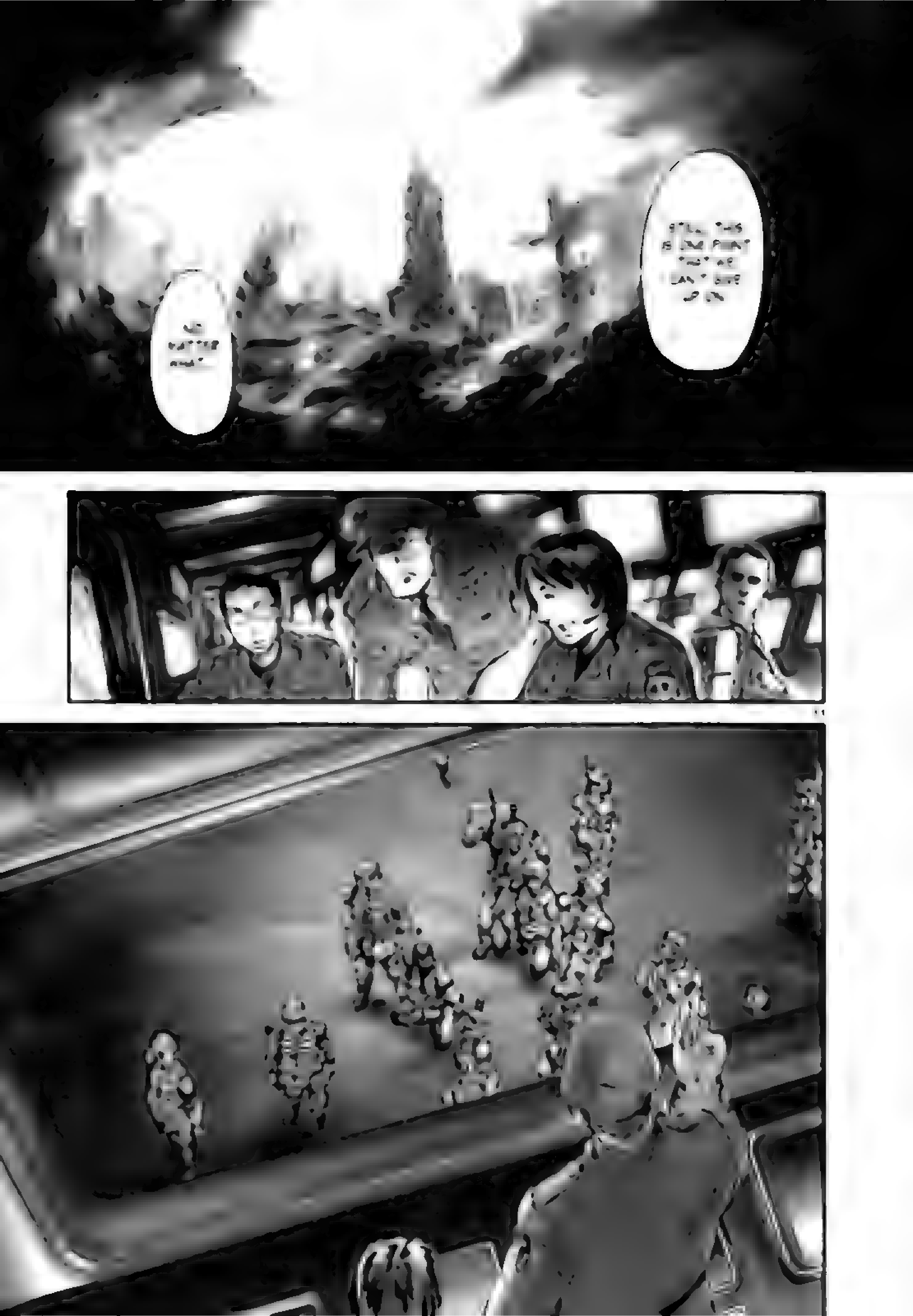
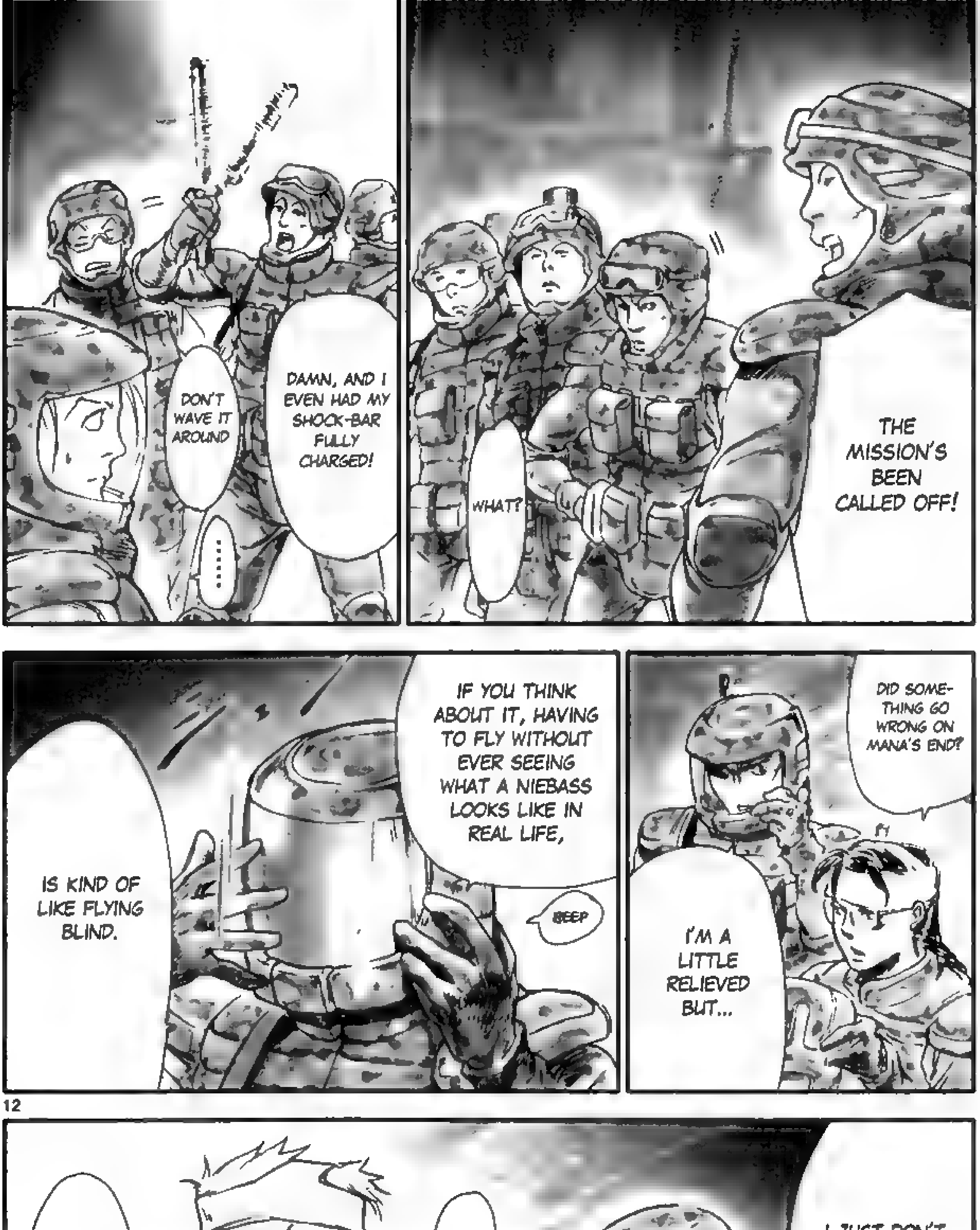
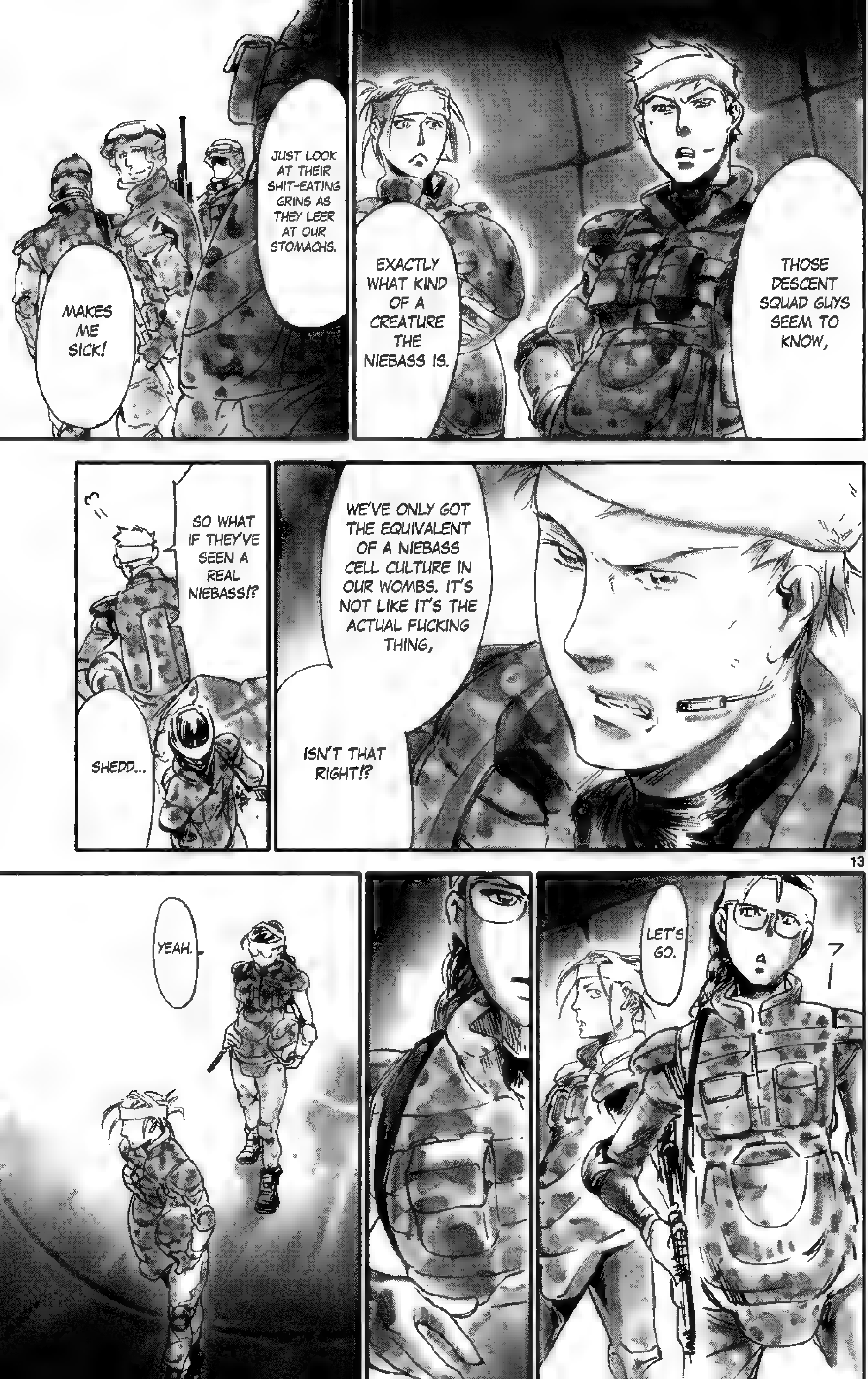
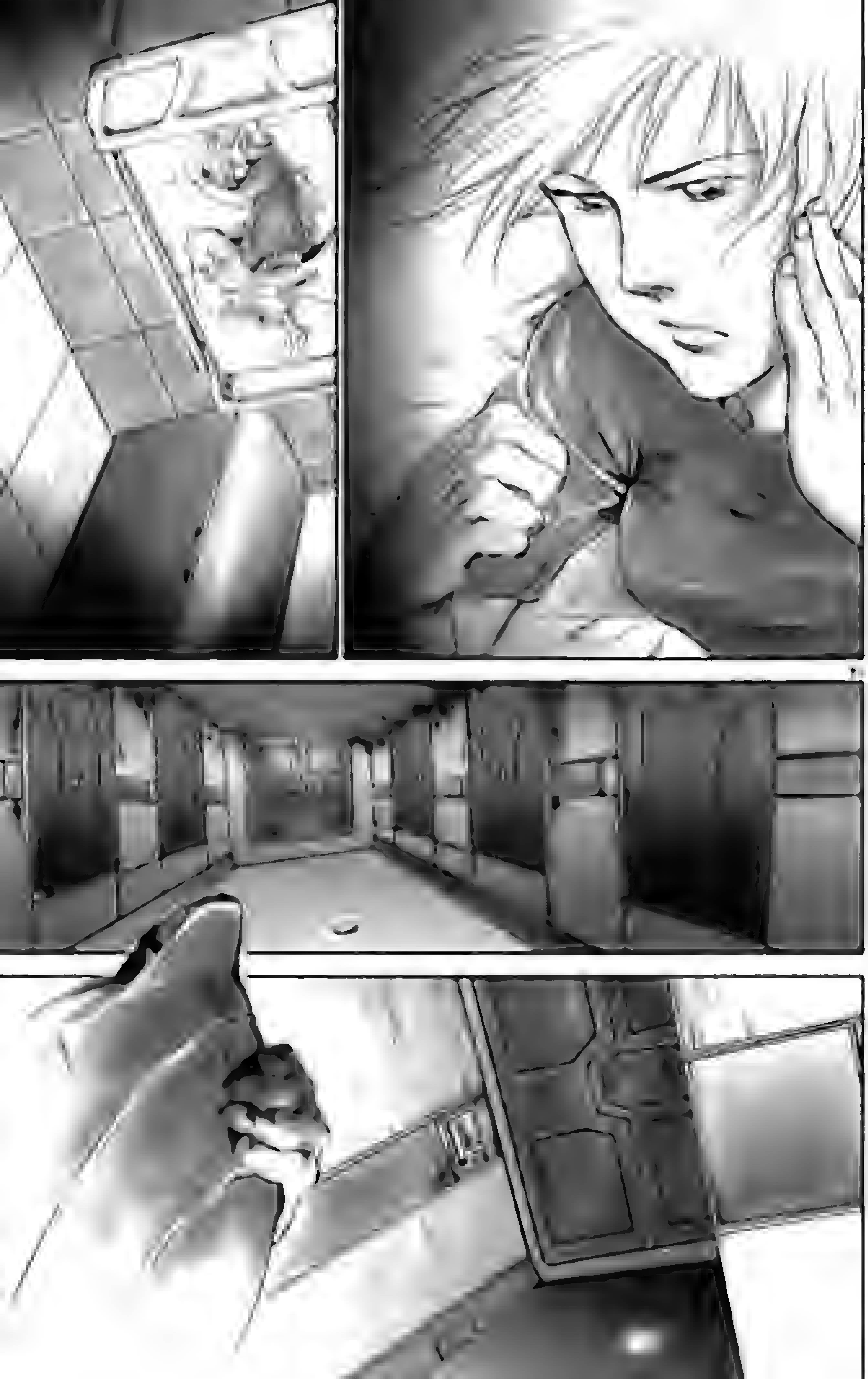
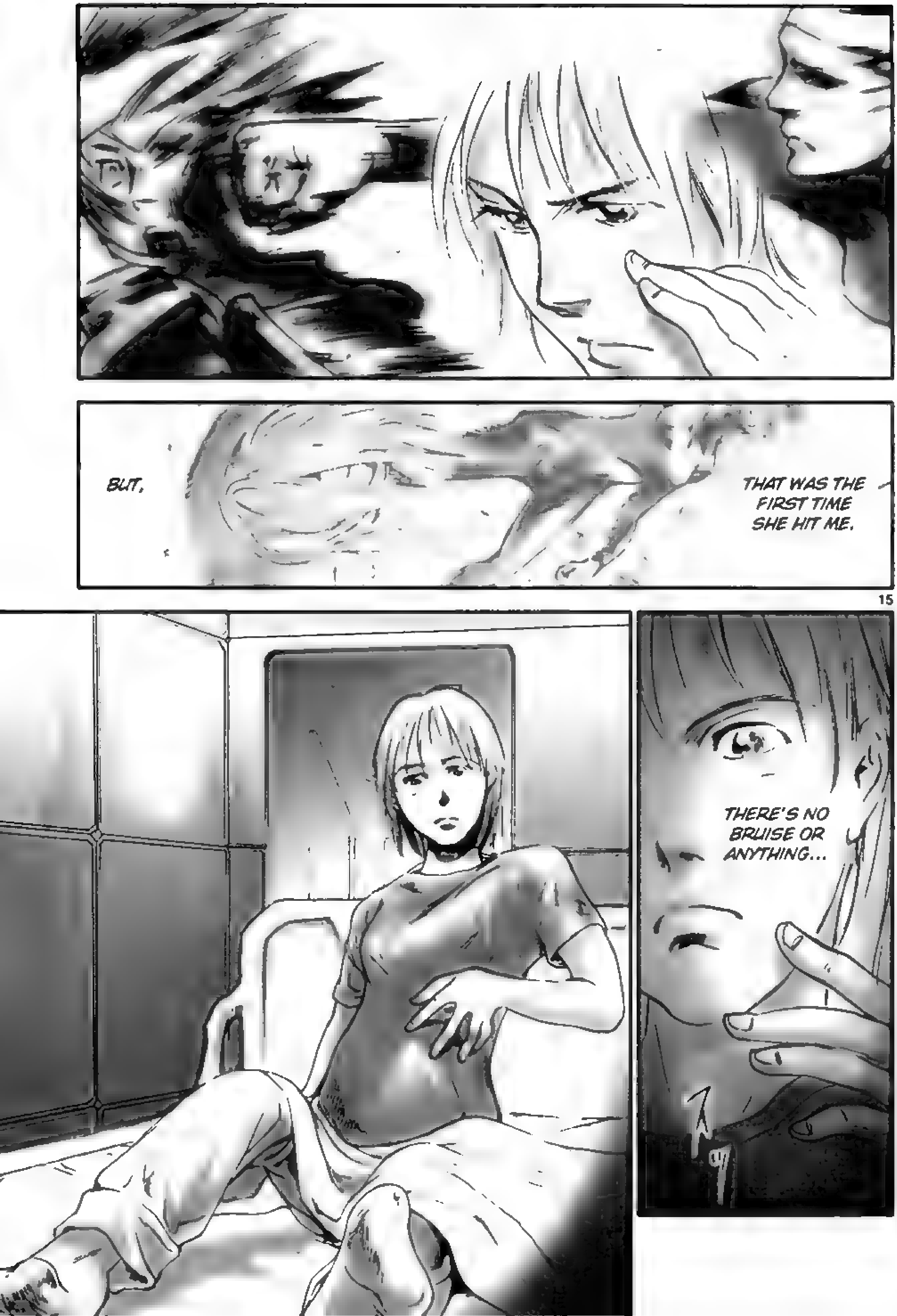

STILL THIS IS ONE POINT THAT WE CAN'T GIVE UP ON
NO MATTER WHAT...


THE MISSION'S BEEN CALLED OFF!
WHAT?
DAMN, AND I EVEN HAD MY SHOCK-BAR FULLY CHARGED!
DON'T WAVE IT AROUND
......
DID SOMETHING GO WRONG ON MANA'S END?
I'M A LITTLE RELIEVED BUT...
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, HAVING TO FLY WITHOUT EVER SEEING WHAT A NIEBASS LOOKS LIKE IN REAL LIFE,
BEEP
IS KIND OF LIKE FLYING BLIND.
I JUST DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF FLYING BLIND-FOLDED.
SAME,
I DON'T LIKE IT ONE BIT EITHER.


THOSE DESCENT SQUAD GUYS SEEM TO KNOW,
EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF A CREATURE THE NIEBASS IS.
JUST LOOK AT THEIR SHIT-EATING GRINS AS THEY LEER AT OUR STOMACHS.
MAKES ME SICK!
SO WHAT IF THEY'VE SEEN A REAL NIEBASS!?
WE'VE ONLY GOT THE EQUIVALENT OF A NIEBASS CELL CULTURE IN OUR WOMBS. IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S THE ACTUAL FUCKING THING,
ISN'T THAT RIGHT!?
SHEDD...
LET'S GO.
YEAH.




THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME SHE HIT ME.
BUT,
THERE'S NO BRUISE OR ANYTHING...
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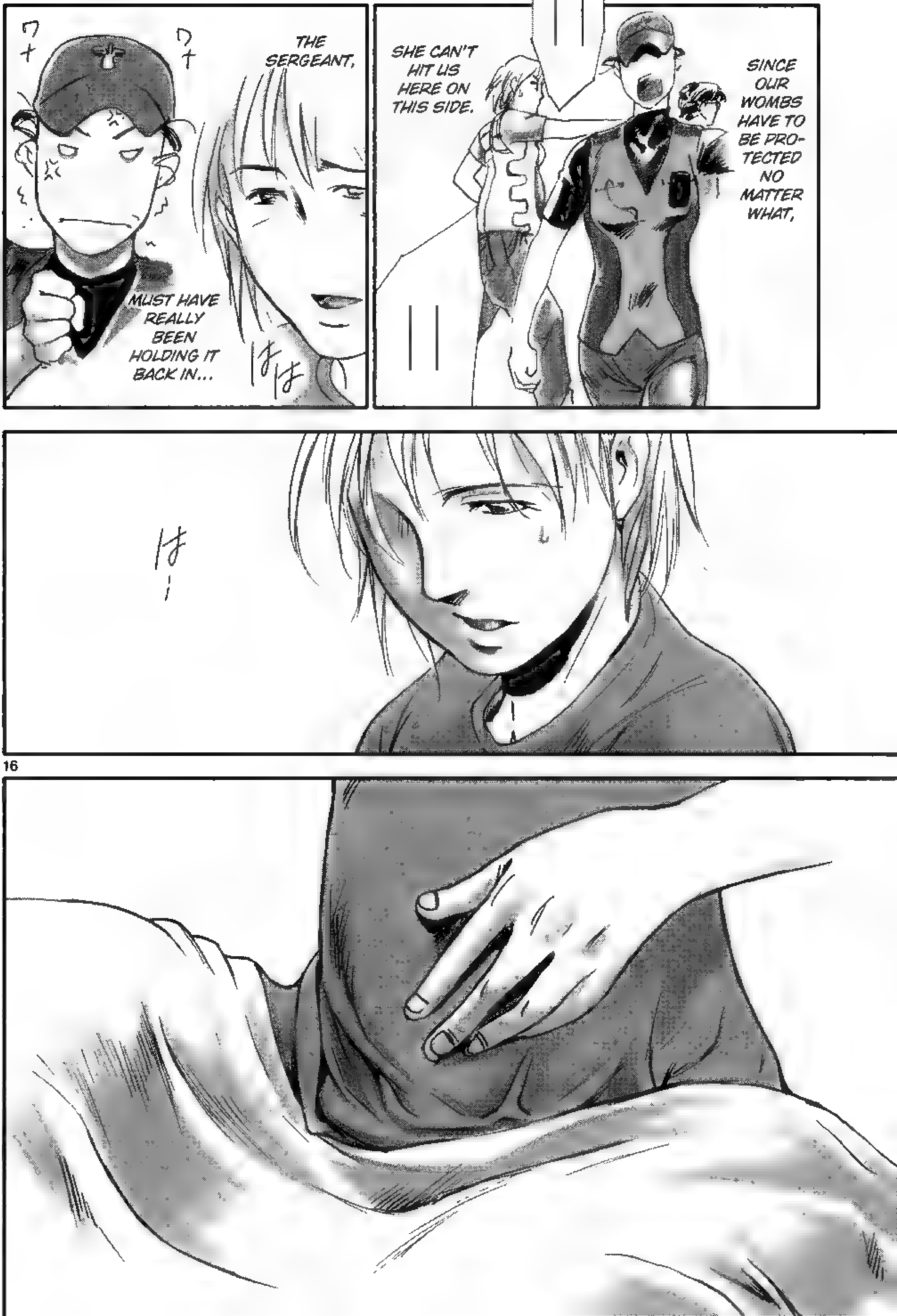
SINCE OUR WOMBS HAVE TO BE PROTECTED NO MATTER WHAT,
SHE CAN'T HIT US HERE ON THIS SIDE.
THE SERGEANT,
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MUST HAVE REALLY BEEN HOLDING IT BACK IN...
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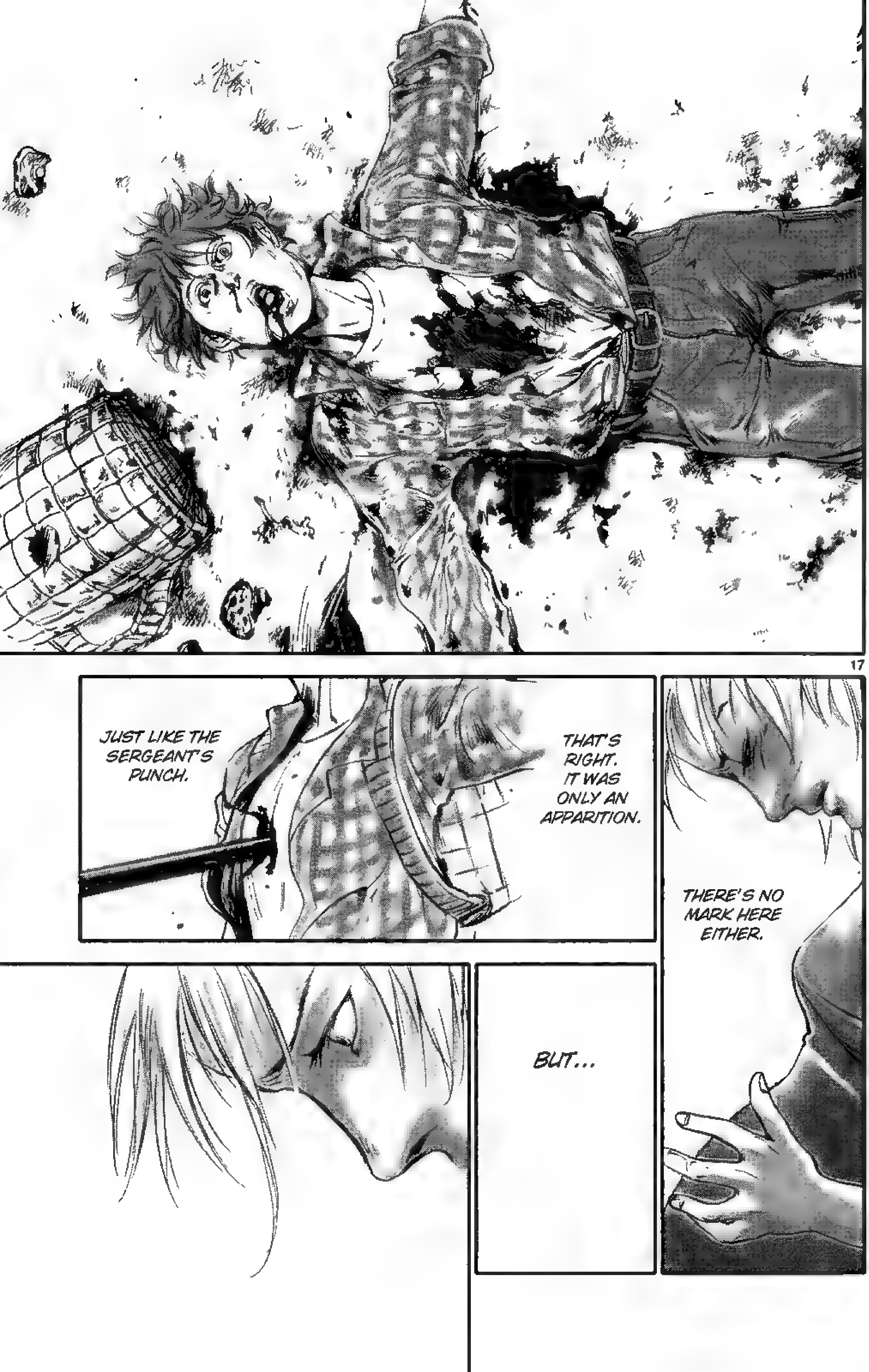
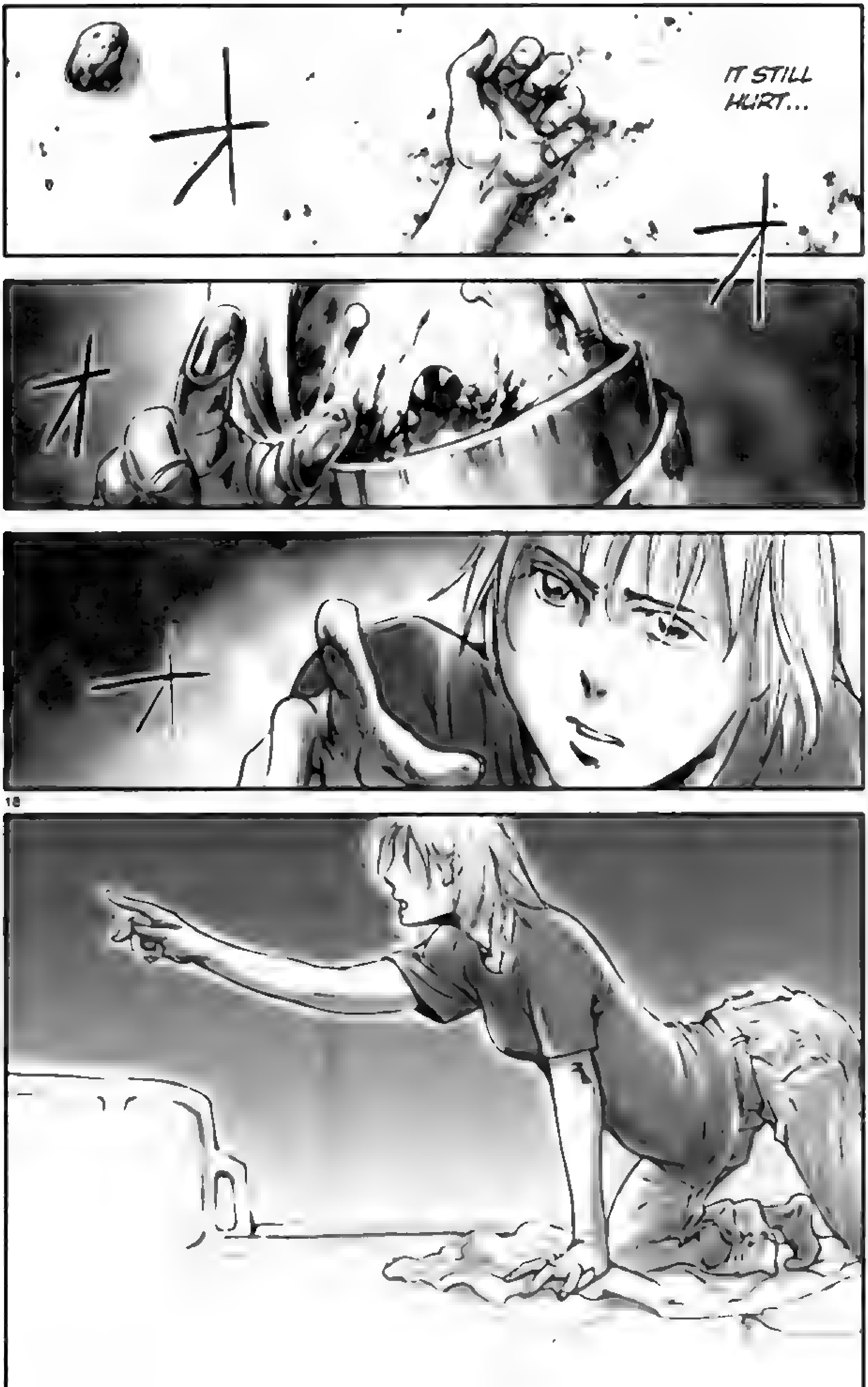
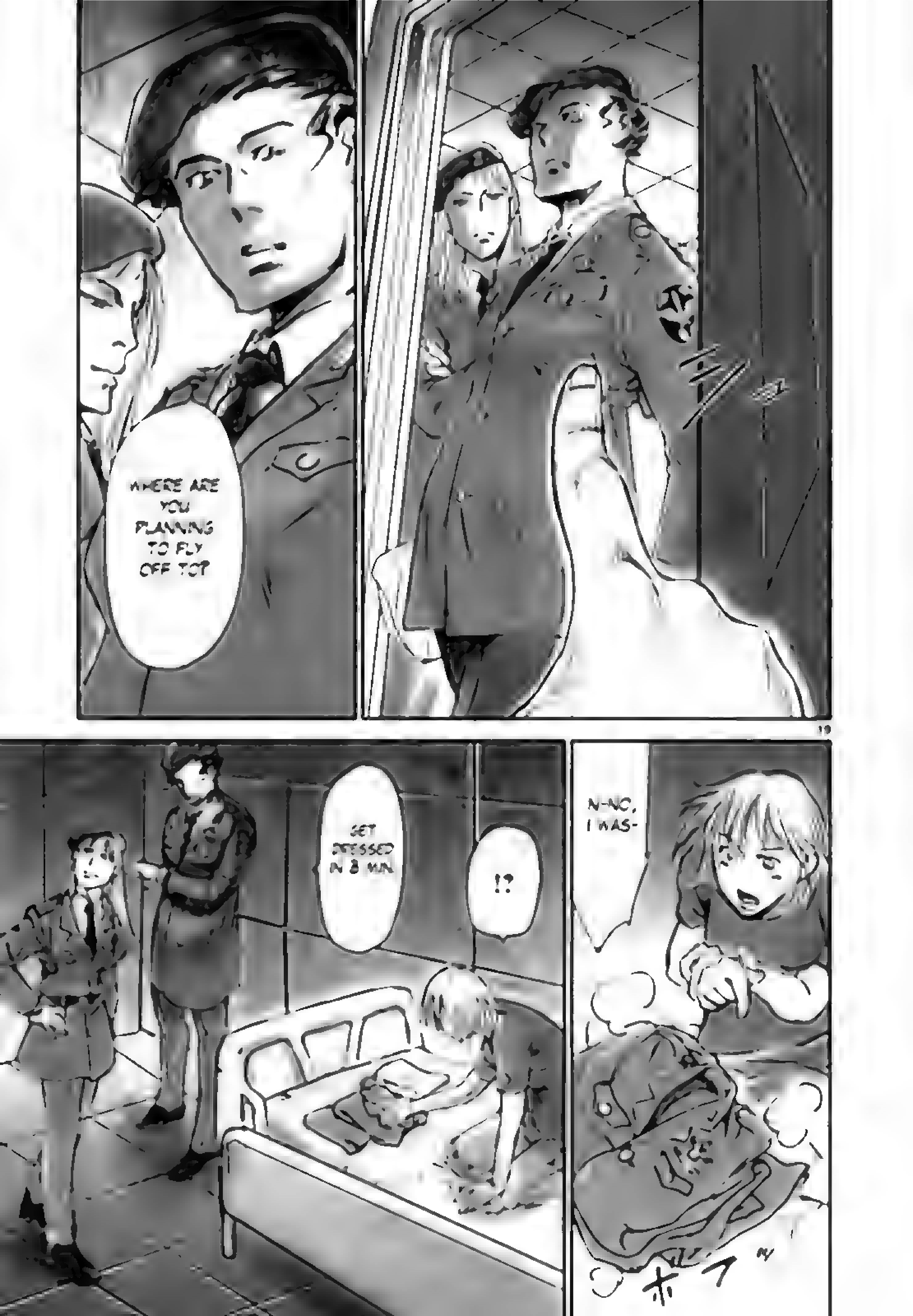

THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS ONLY AN APPARITION.
JUST LIKE THE SERGEANT'S PUNCH.
THERE'S NO MARK HERE EITHER.
BUT...


IT STILL HURT...


WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO FLY OFF TO?
N-NO, I WAS-
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GET DRESSED IN 3 MIN.
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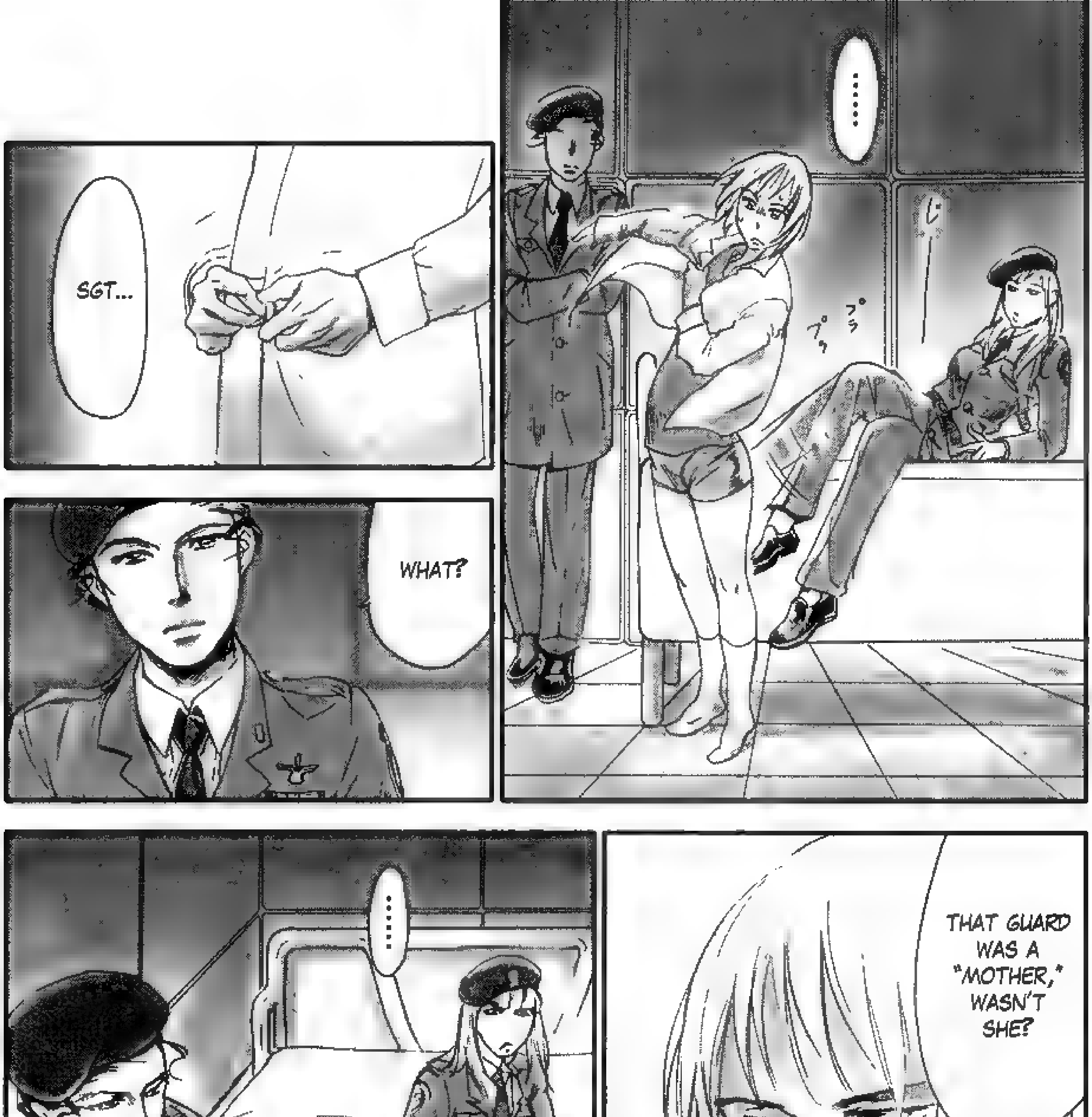
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SGT...
WHAT?
THAT GUARD WAS A "MOTHER," WASN'T SHE?
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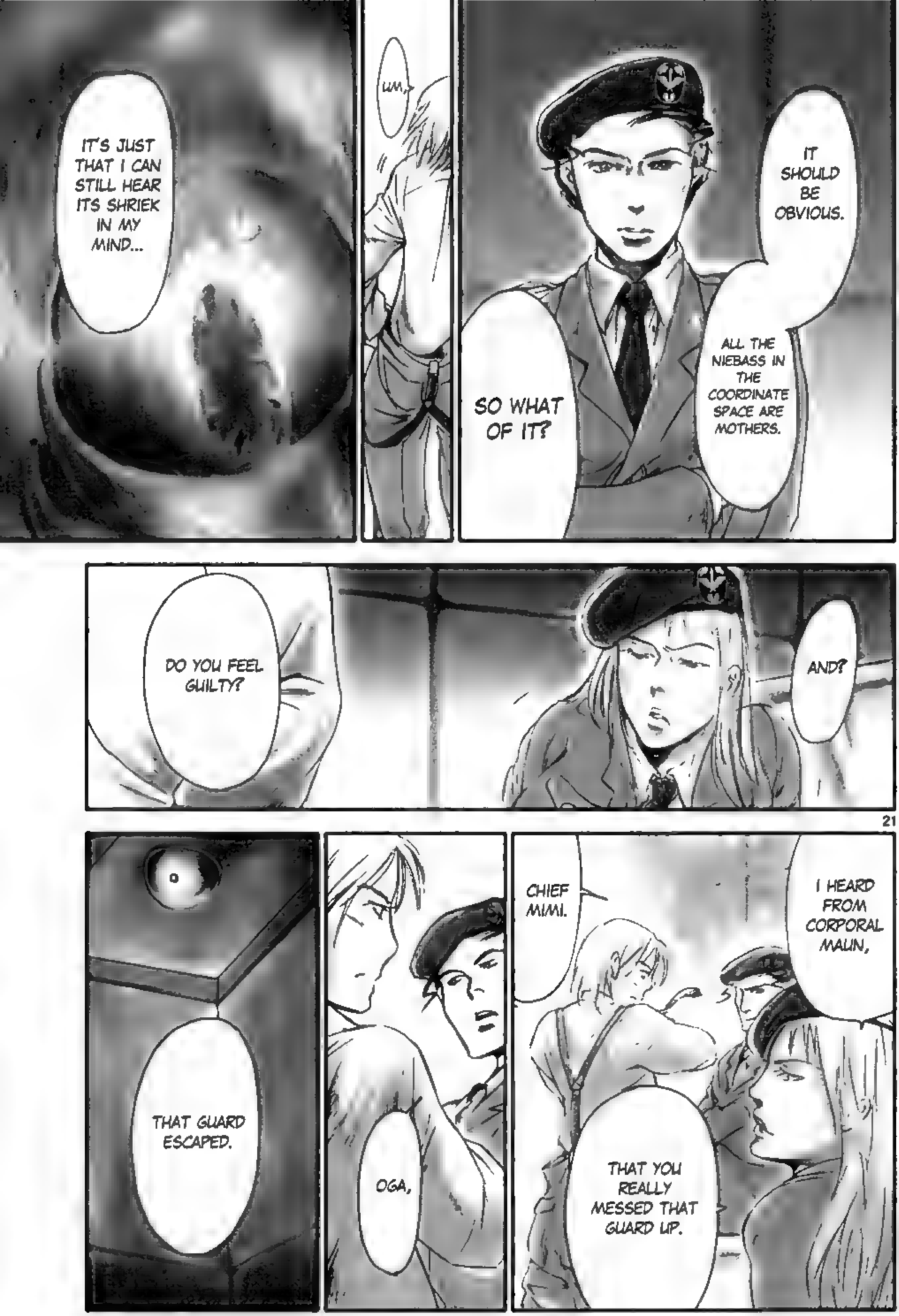
THAT'S RIGHT.


IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS.
ALL THE NIEBASS IN THE COORDINATE SPACE ARE MOTHERS.
SO WHAT OF IT?
UM,
IT'S JUST THAT I CAN STILL HEAR ITS SHRIEK IN MY MIND...
AND?
DO YOU FEEL GUILTY?
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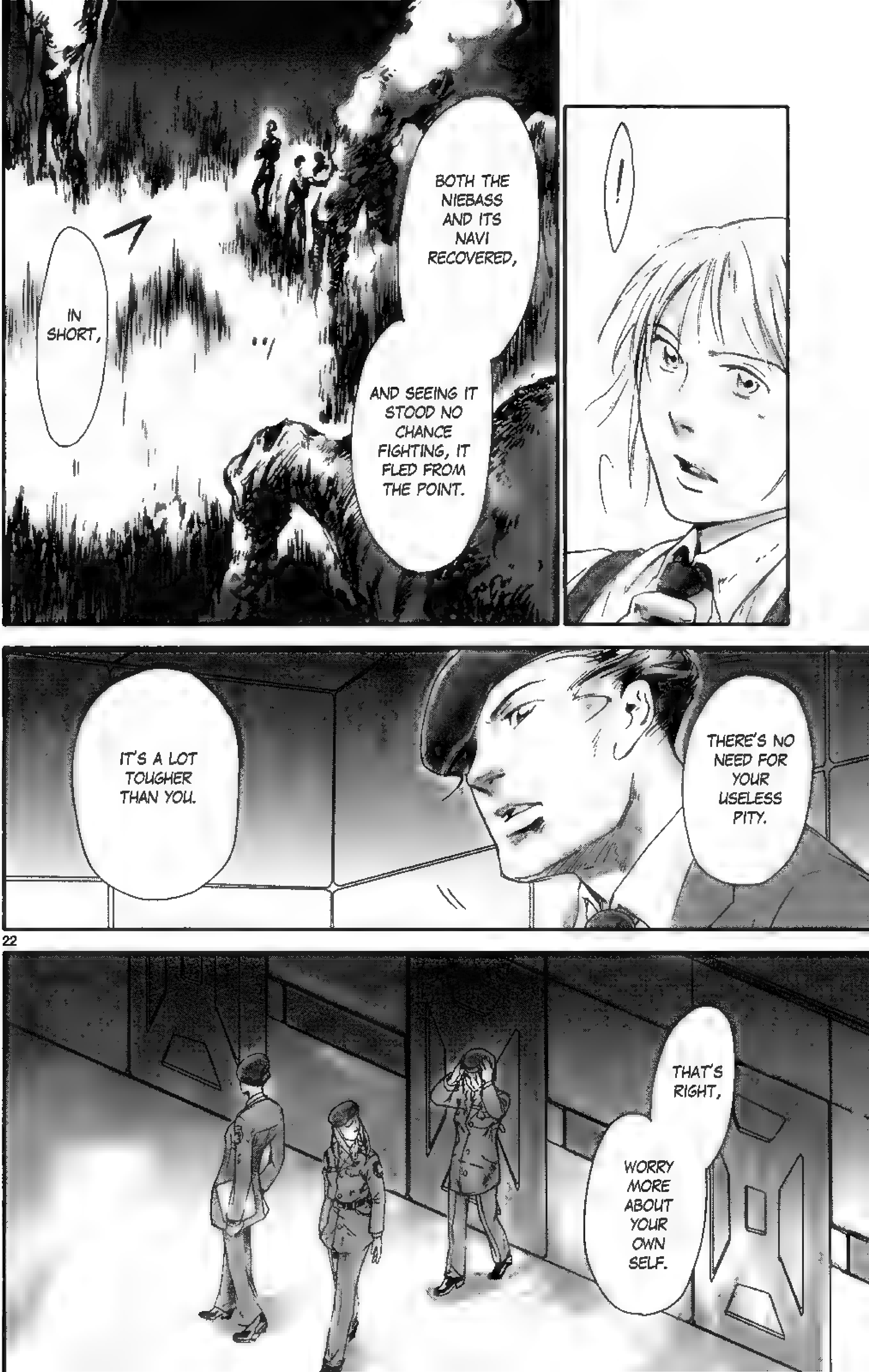
I HEARD FROM CORPORAL MAUN,
CHIEF MIMI.
THAT YOU REALLY MESSED THAT GUARD UP.
OGA,
THAT GUARD ESCAPED.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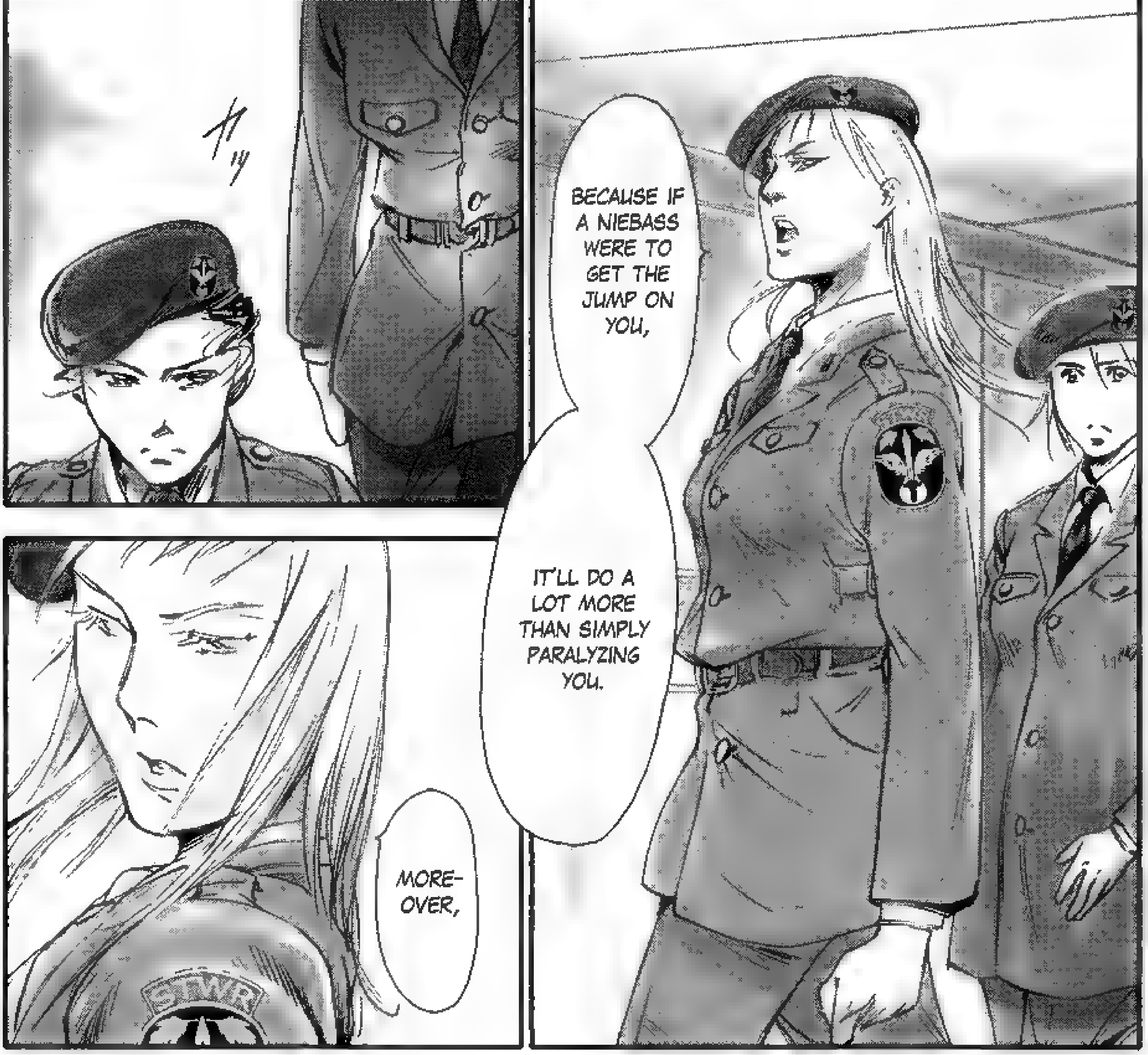
BOTH THE NIEBASS AND ITS NAVI RECOVERED,
AND SEEING IT STOOD NO CHANCE FIGHTING, IT FLED FROM THE POINT.
IN SHORT,
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOUR USELESS PITY.
IT'S A LOT TOUGHER THAN YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT,
WORRY MORE ABOUT YOUR OWN SELF.


BECAUSE IF A NIEBASS WERE TO GET THE JUMP ON YOU,
IT'LL DO A LOT MORE THAN SIMPLY PARALYZING YOU.
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MORE-OVER,
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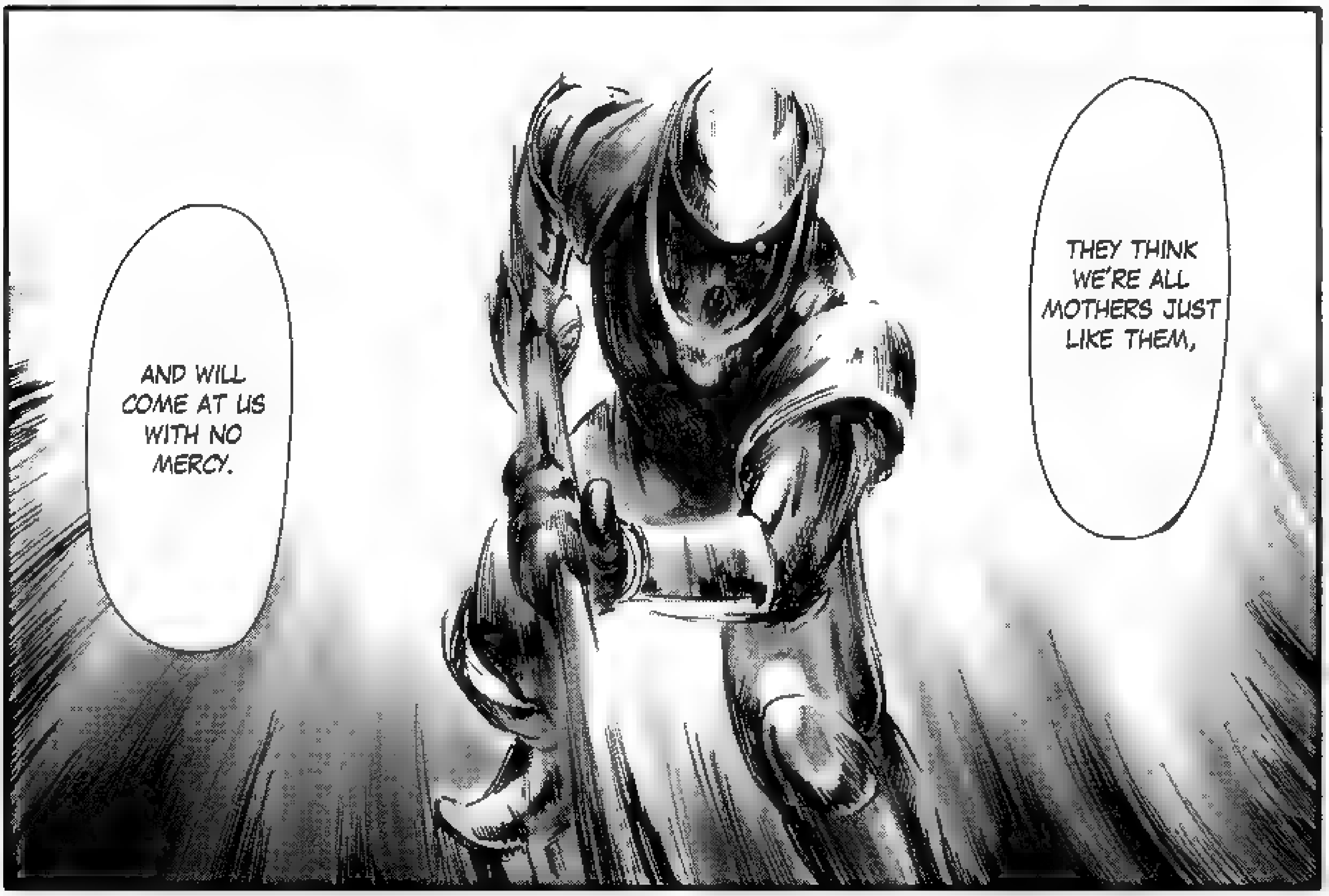
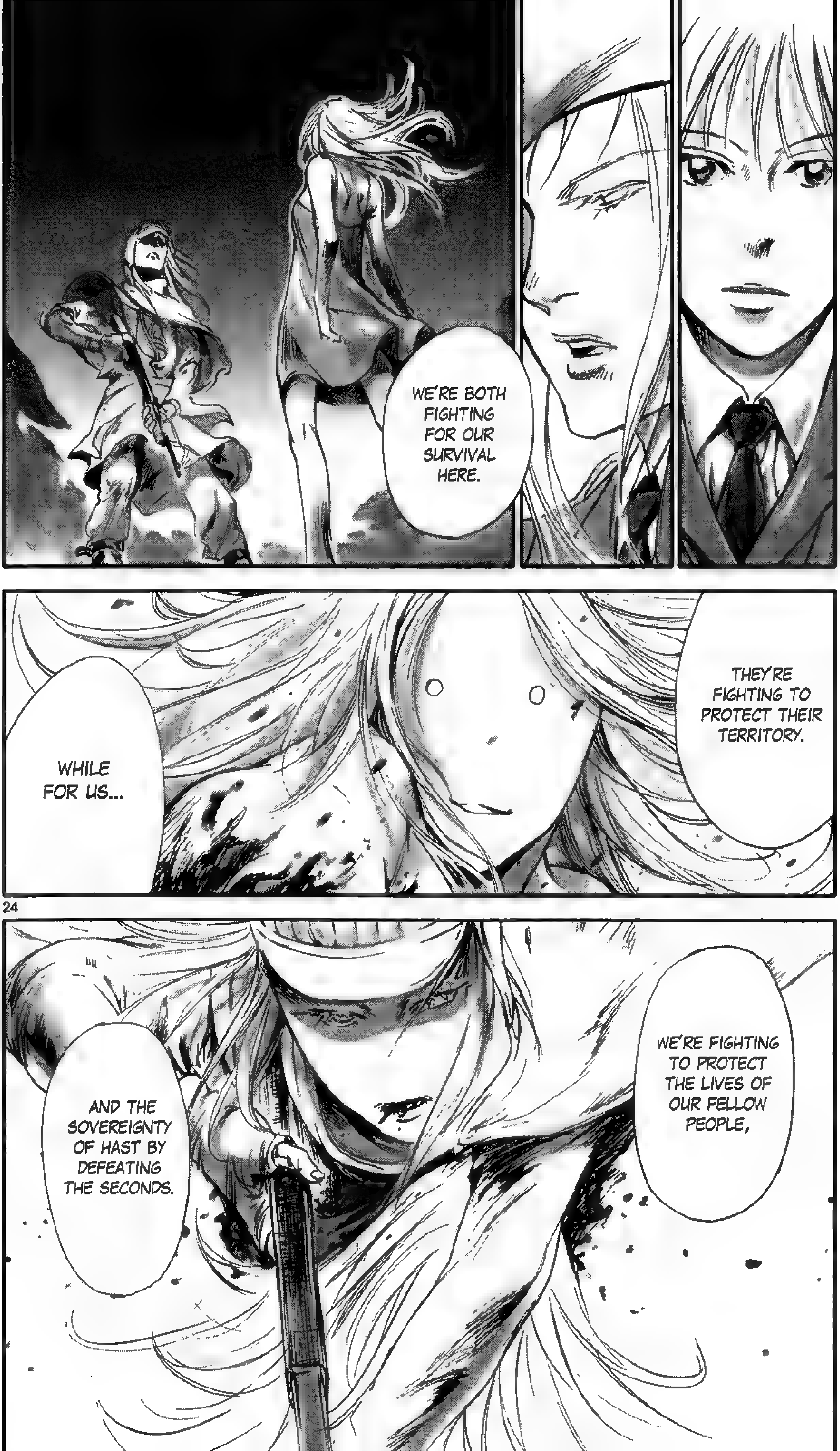
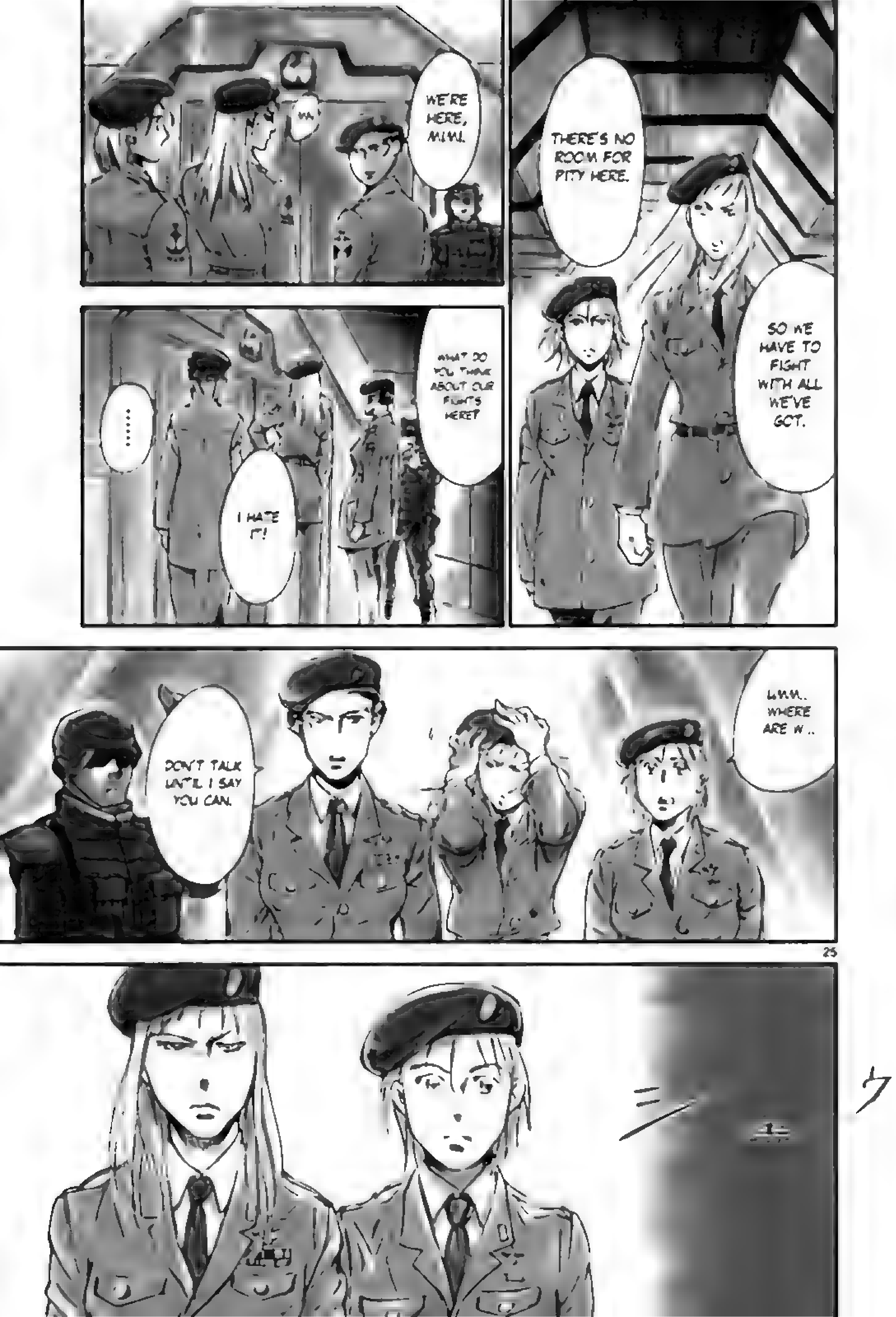

THEY THINK WE'RE ALL MOTHERS JUST LIKE THEM,
AND WILL COME AT US WITH NO MERCY.


WE'RE BOTH FIGHTING FOR OUR SURVIVAL HERE.
THEY'RE FIGHTING TO PROTECT THEIR TERRITORY.
WHILE FOR US...
WE'RE FIGHTING TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF OUR FELLOW PEOPLE,
AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF HAST BY DEFEATING THE SECONDS.


THERE'S NO ROOM FOR PITY HERE.
SO WE HAVE TO FIGHT WITH ALL WE'VE GOT.
WE'RE HERE, MIMI.
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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT OUR FIGHTS HERE?
I HATE IT!
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UMM.. WHERE ARE W ..
DON'T TALK UNTIL I SAY YOU CAN.
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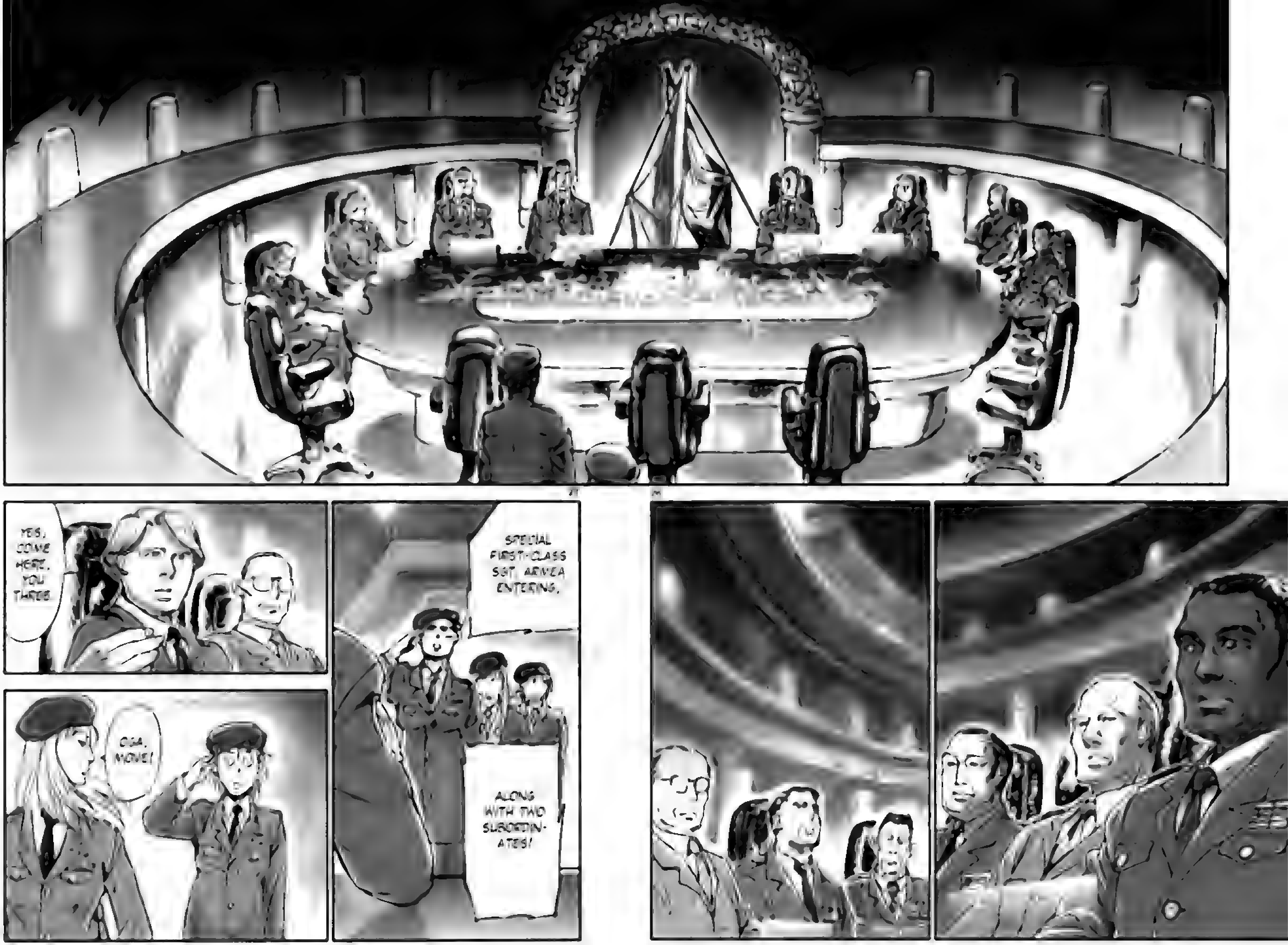
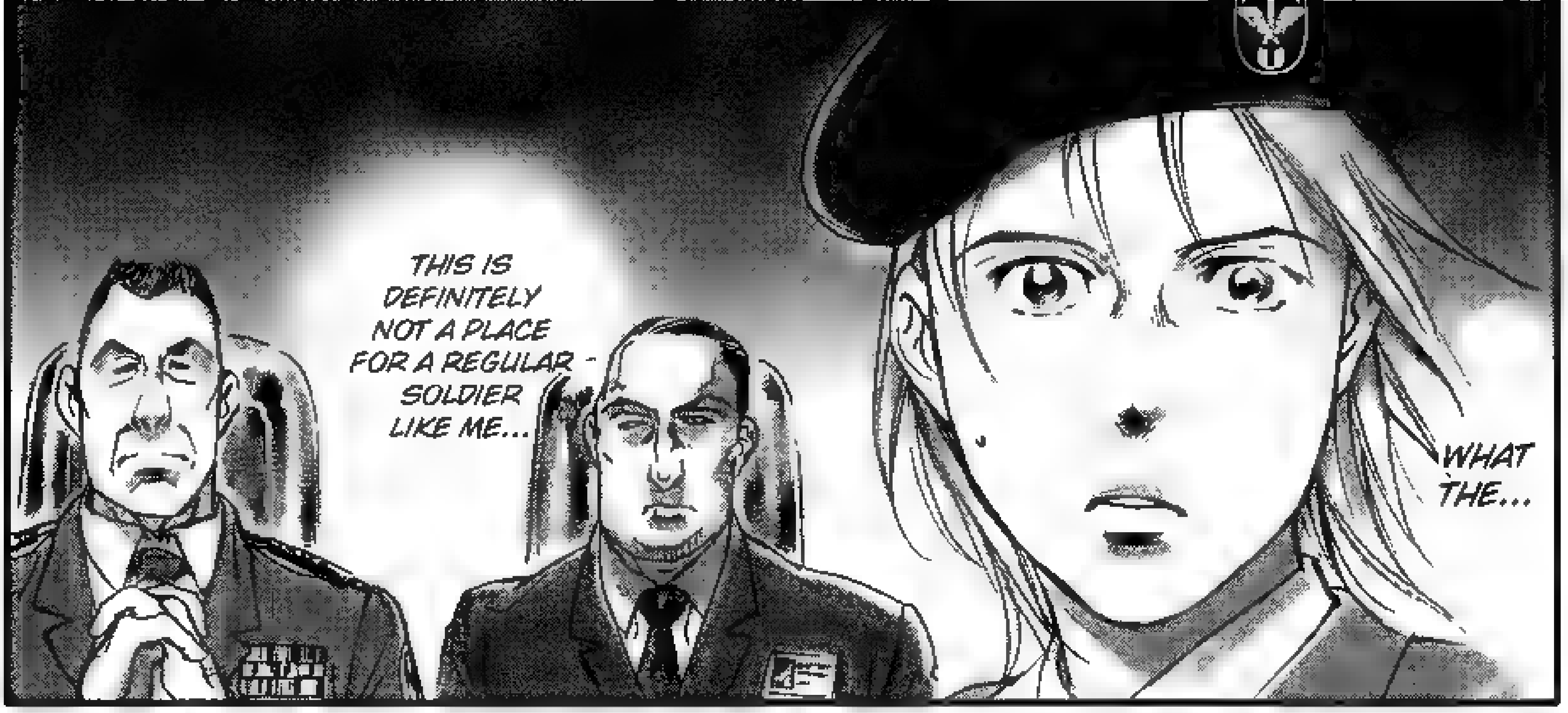
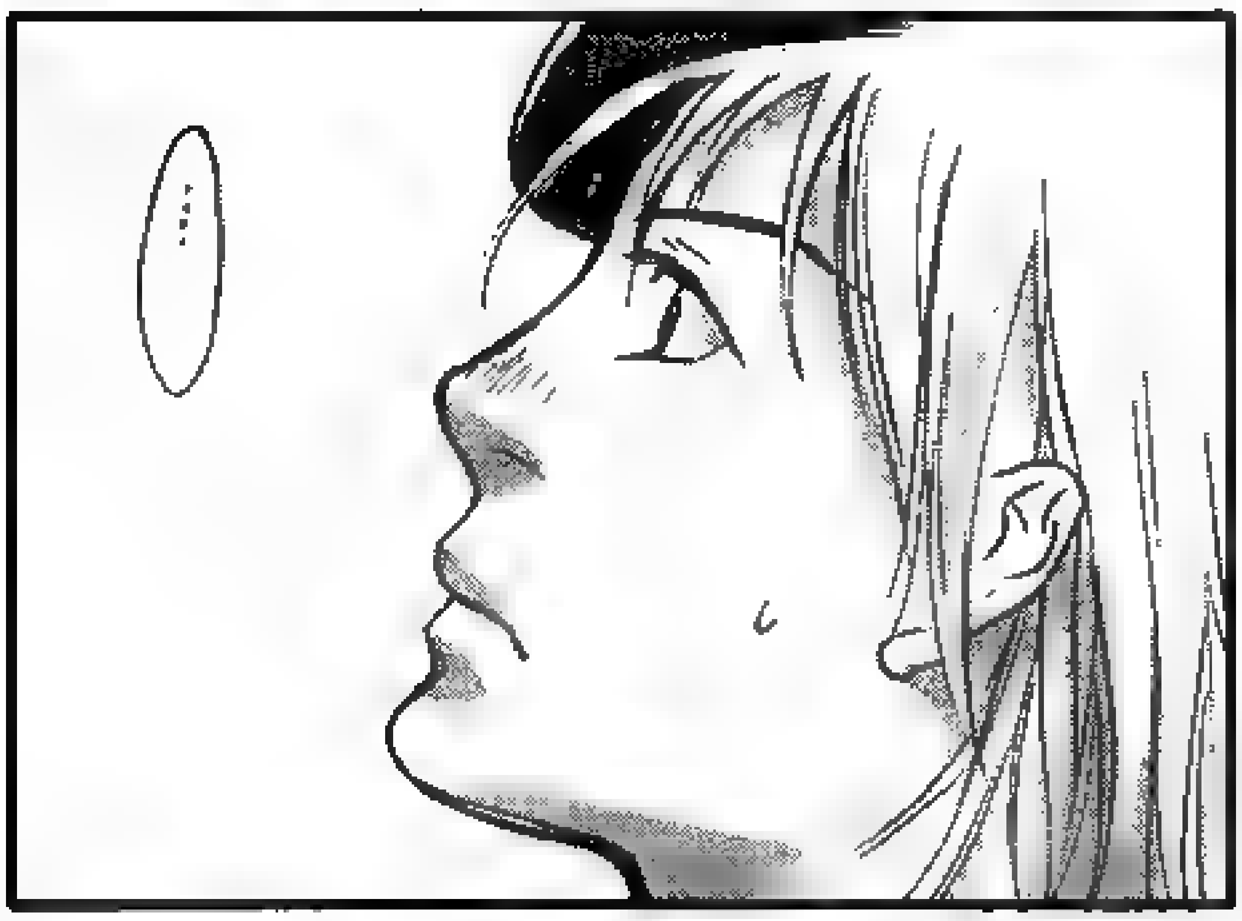

SPECIAL FIRST-CLASS SGT. ARMEA ENTERING.
ALONG WITH TWO SUBORDINATES!
YES, COME HERE, YOU THREE.
OGA, MOVE!


THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT A PLACE FOR A REGULAR SOLDIER LIKE ME...
WHAT THE...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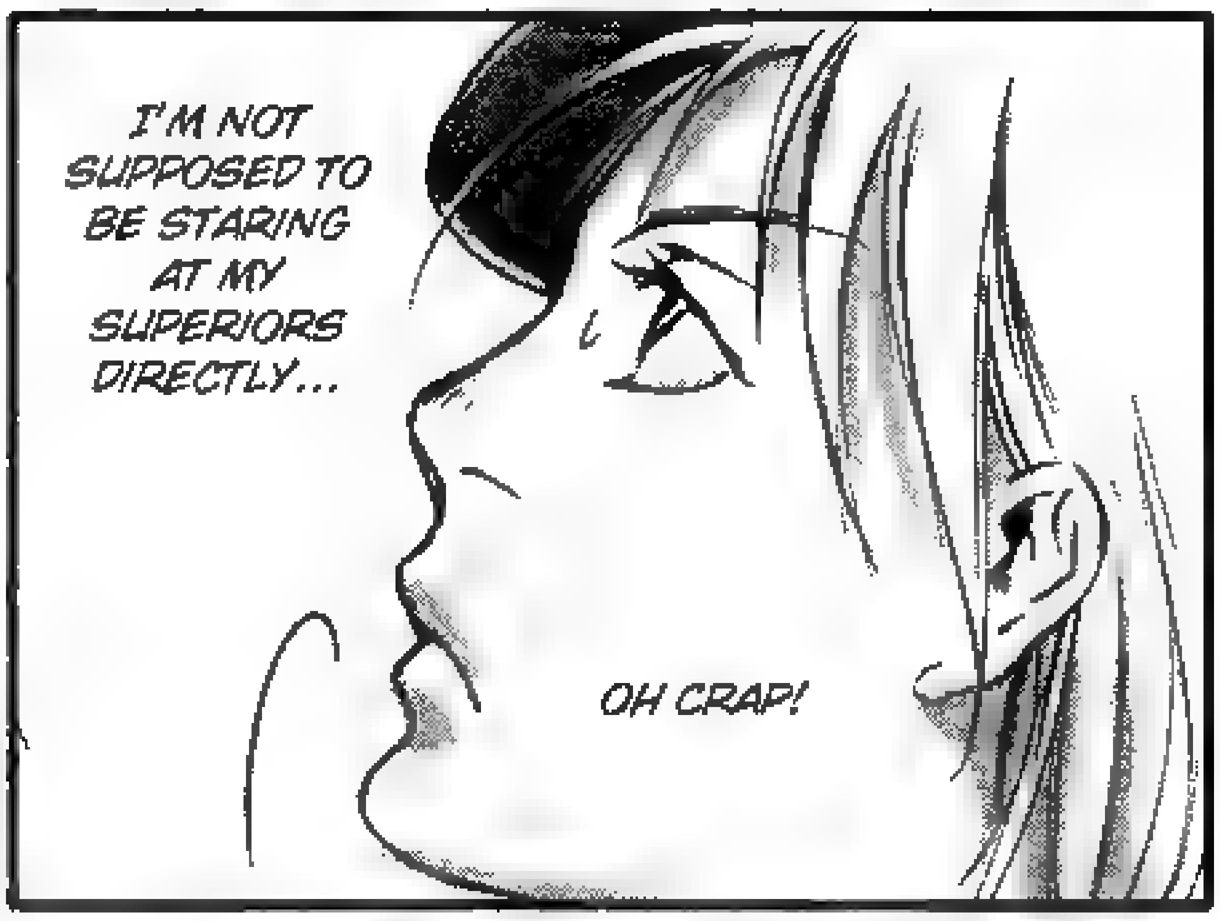
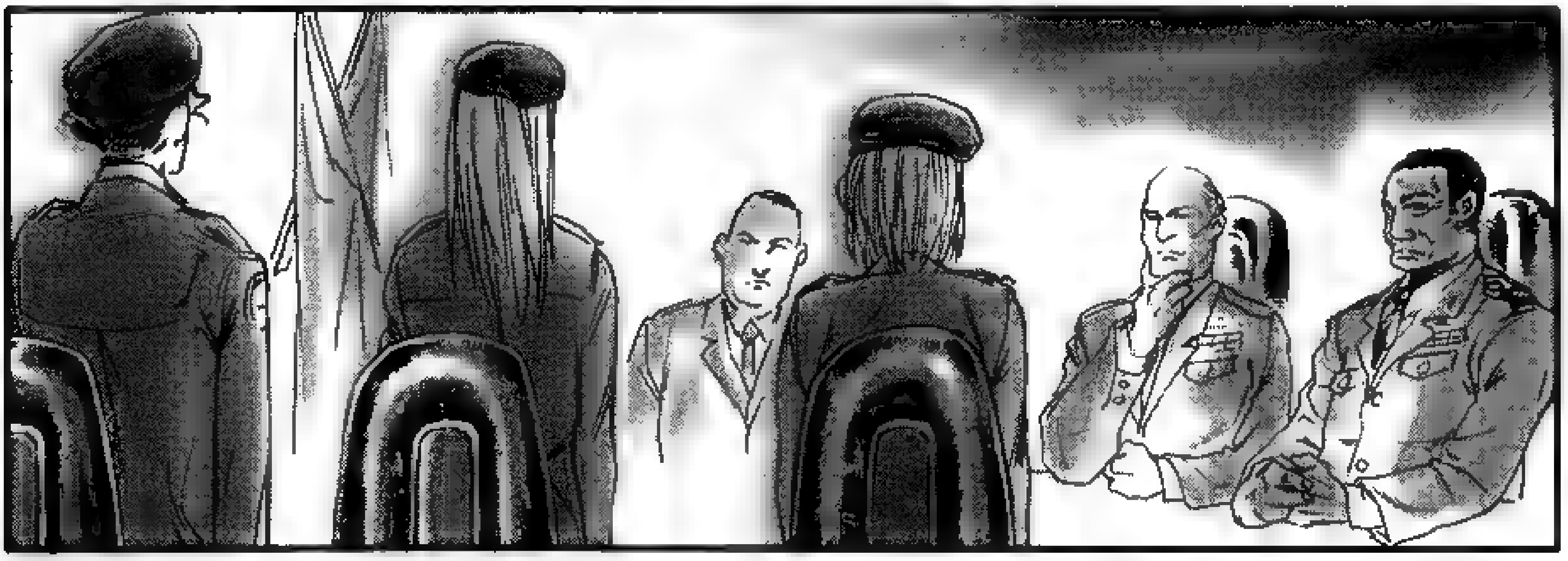
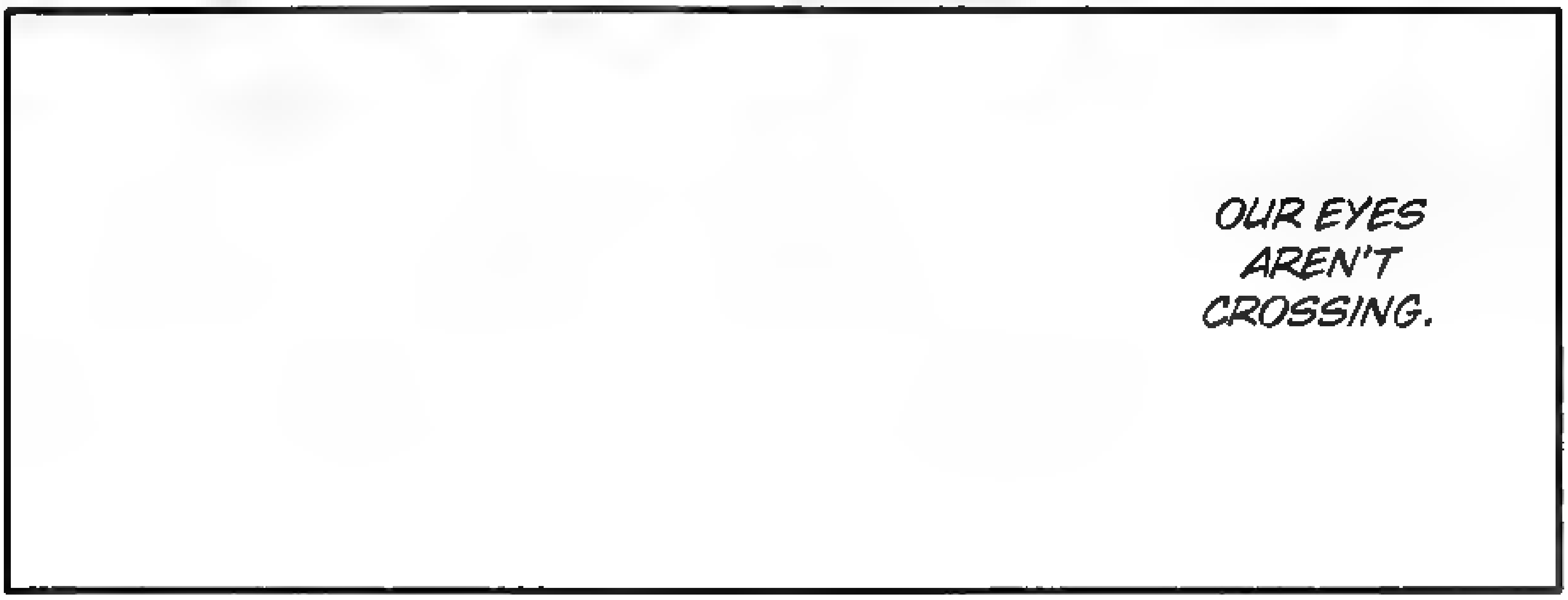
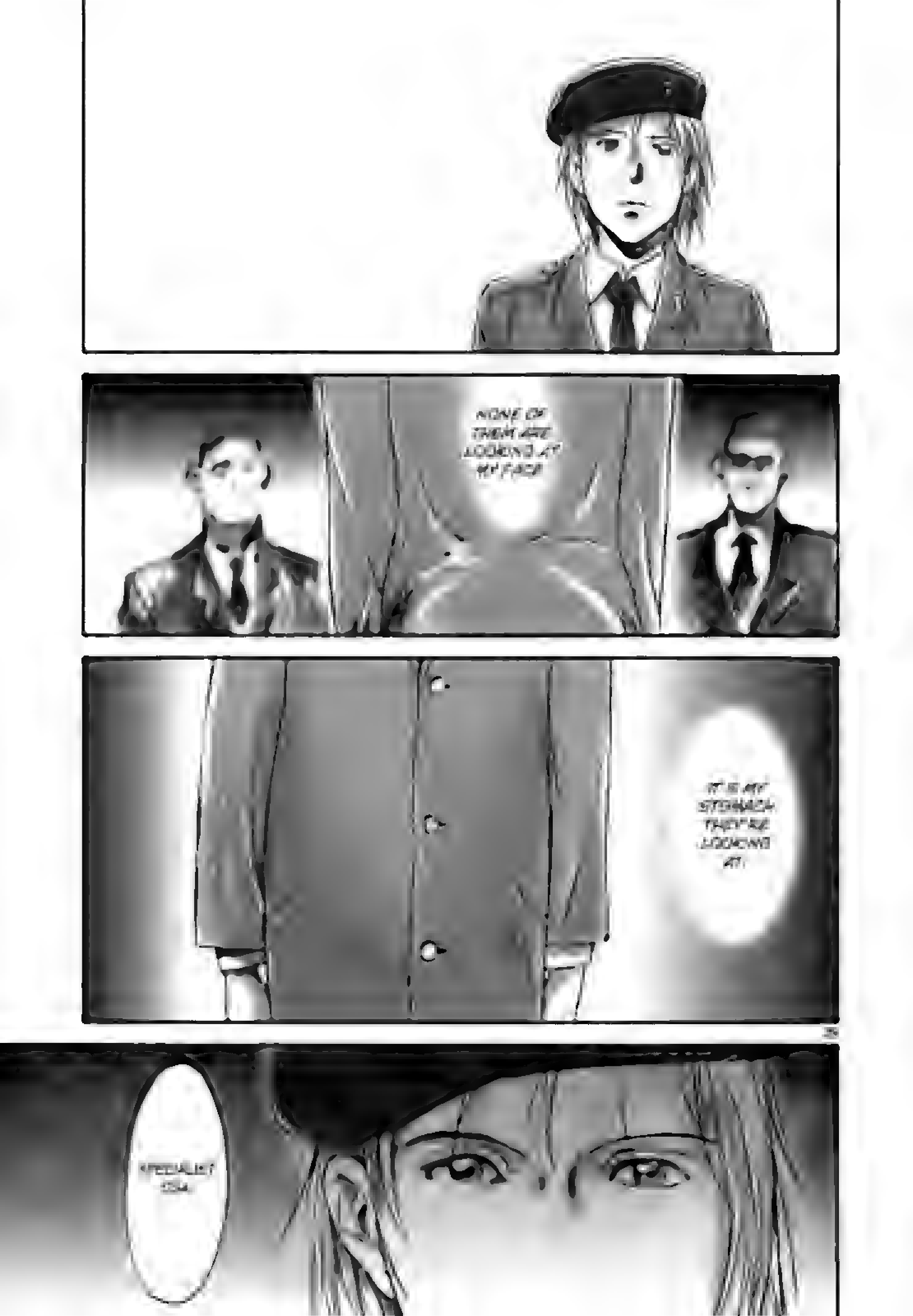
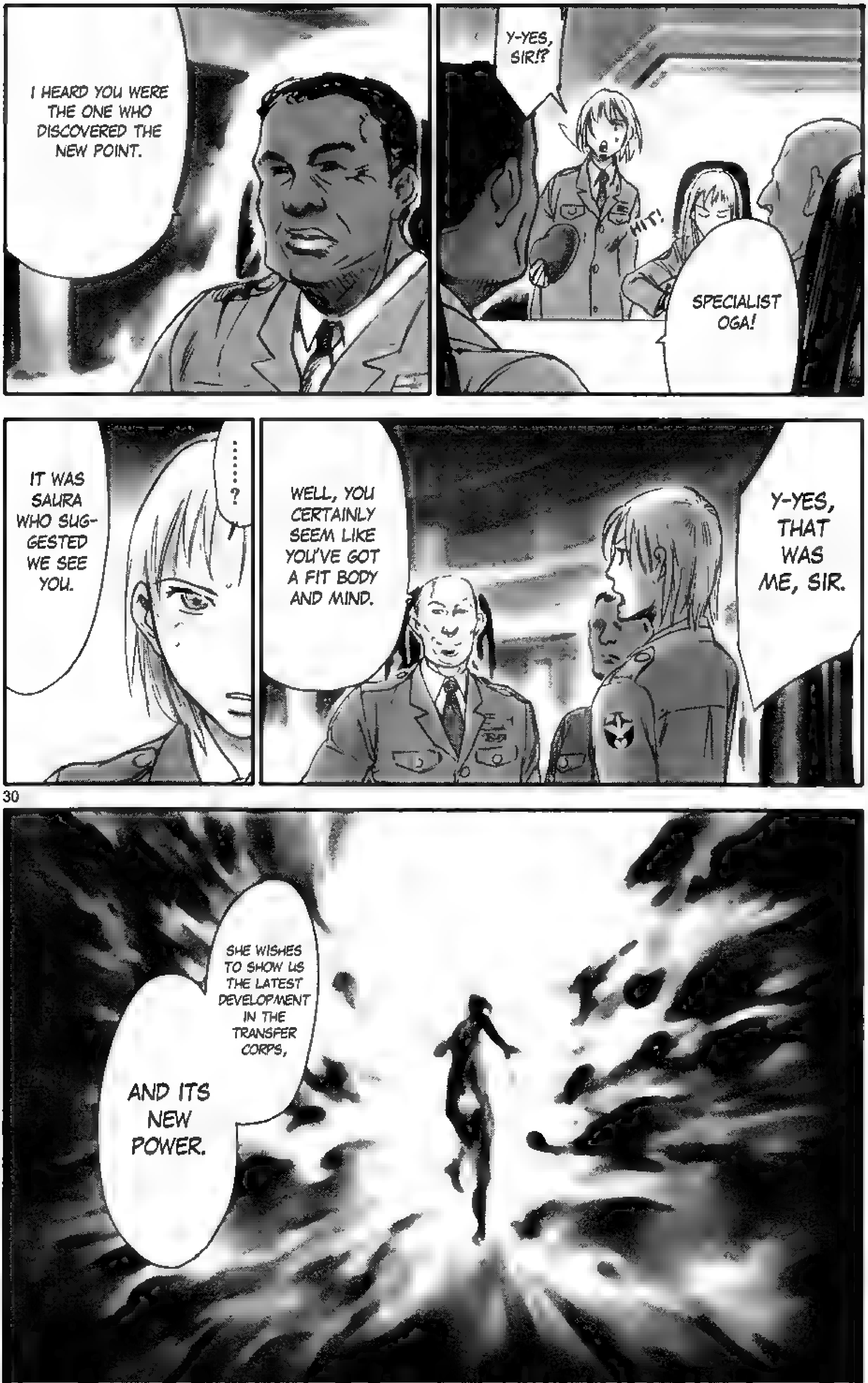

I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE STARING AT MY SUPERIORS DIRECTLY...
OH CRAP!




OUR EYES AREN'T CROSSING.


NONE OF THEM ARE LOOKING AT MY FACE
IT IS MY STOMACH THEY'RE LOOKING AT.
SPECIALIST ISA...


SPECIALIST OGA!
HIT!
Y-YES, SIR!?
I HEARD YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED THE NEW POINT.
Y-YES, THAT WAS ME, SIR.
WELL, YOU CERTAINLY SEEM LIKE YOU'VE GOT A FIT BODY AND MIND.
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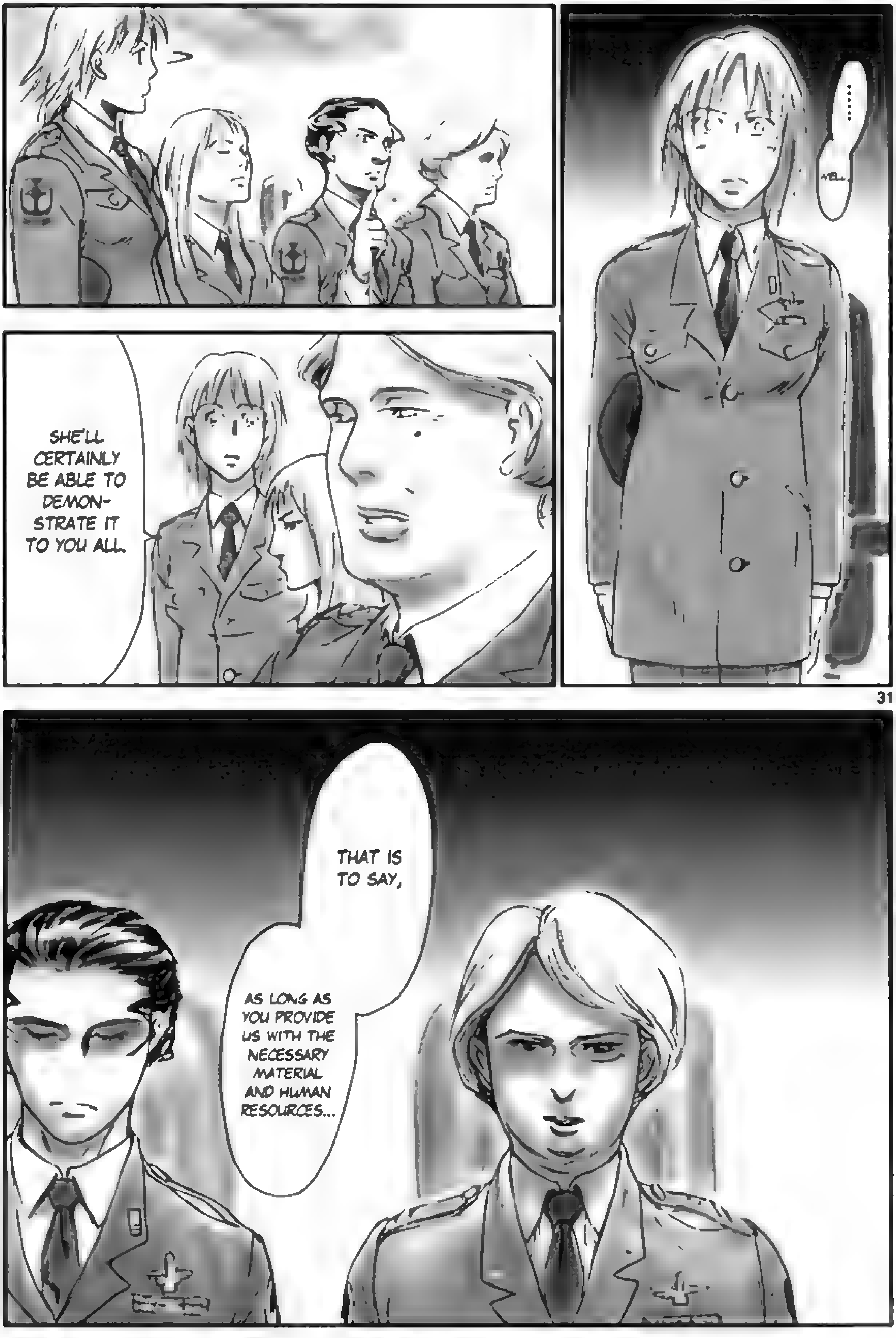
IT WAS SAURA WHO SUGGESTED WE SEE YOU.
SHE WISHES TO SHOW US THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRANSFER CORPS,
AND ITS NEW POWER.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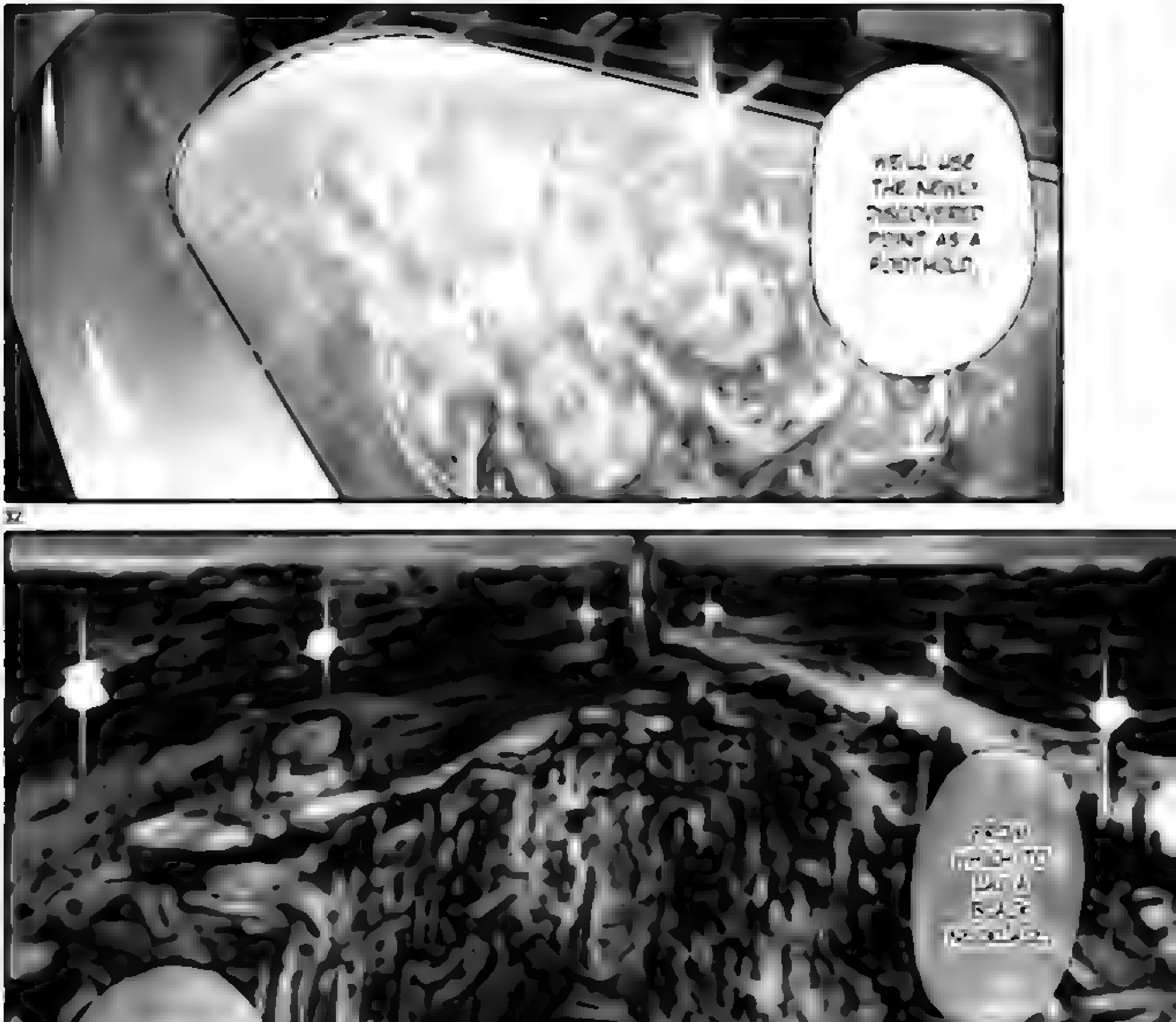
WELL...
SHE'LL CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE IT TO YOU ALL.
THAT IS TO SAY,
AS LONG AS YOU PROVIDE US WITH THE NECESSARY MATERIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES...


WE'LL USE THE NEWLY DISCOVERED POINT AS A FOOTHOLD,
FROM WHICH TO LAY A BASE NETWORK.
THAT'LL ALLOW US TO BUILD BASES AROUND THEIR NEW CAPITAL.

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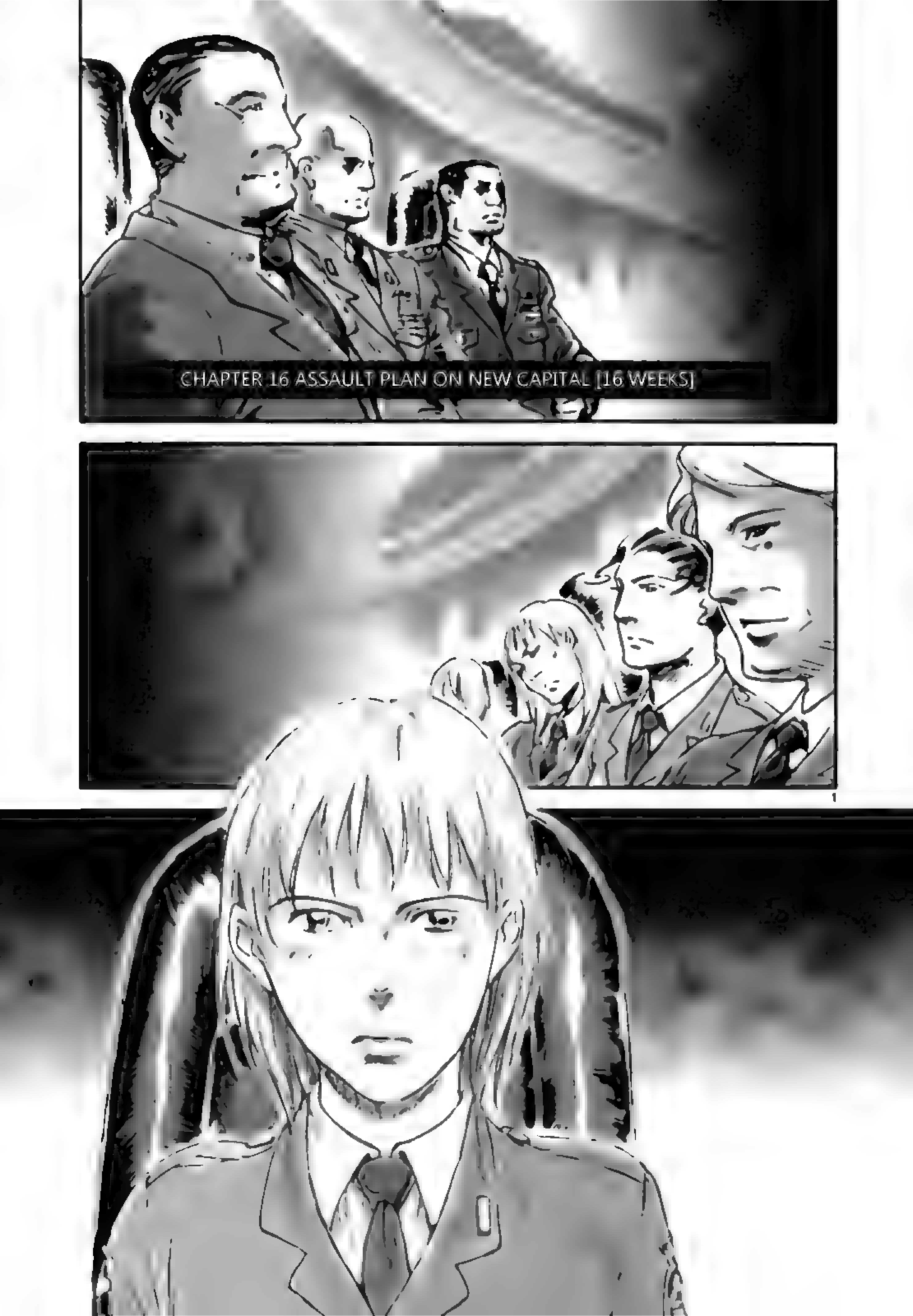

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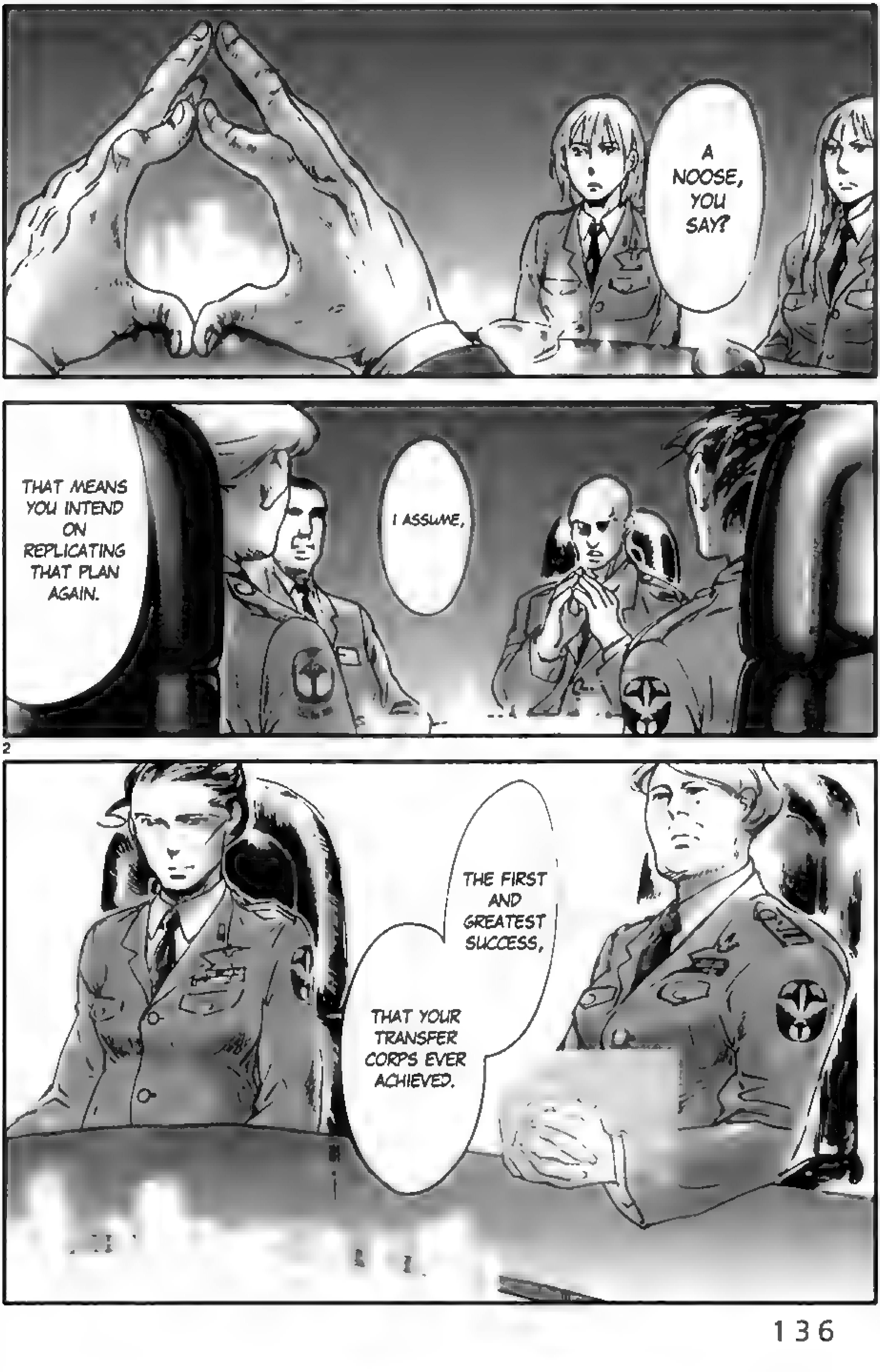
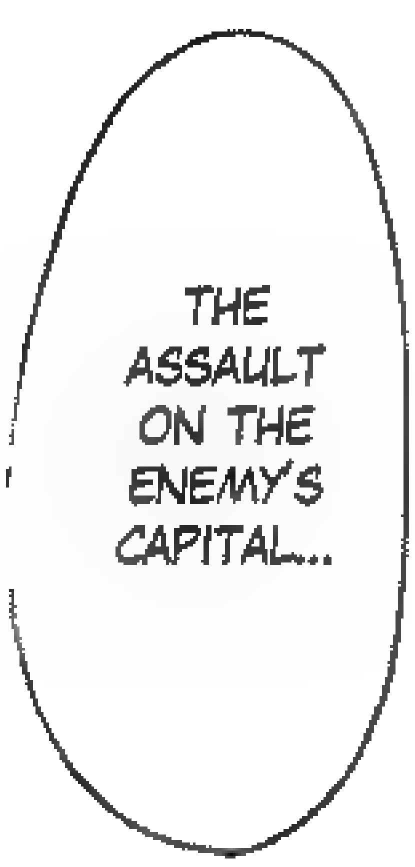
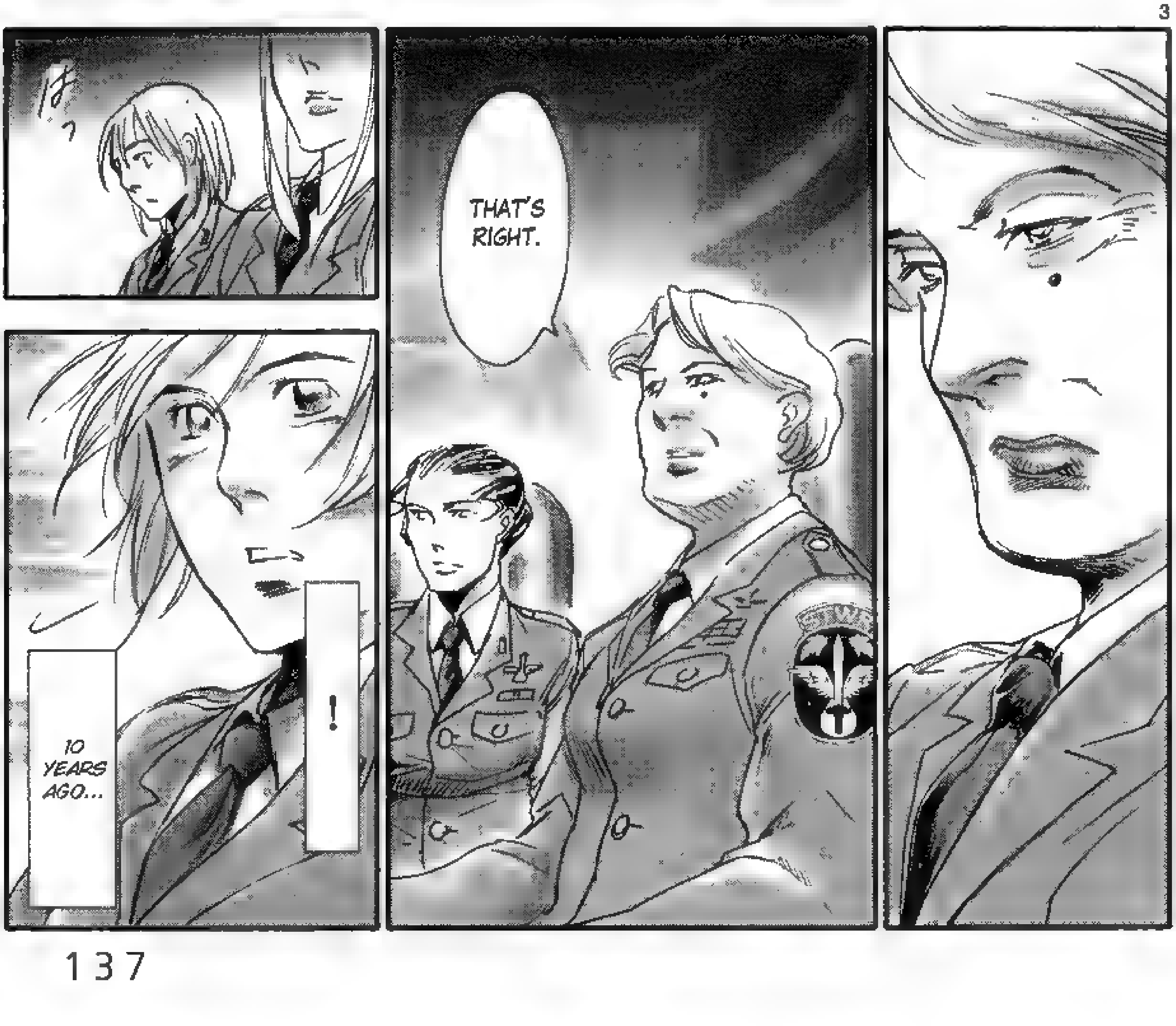

A NOOSE, YOU SAY?
I ASSUME,
THAT MEANS YOU INTEND ON REPLICATING THAT PLAN AGAIN.
THE FIRST AND GREATEST SUCCESS,
THAT YOUR TRANSFER CORPS EVER ACHIEVED.


THE ASSAULT ON THE ENEMY'S CAPITAL...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THAT'S RIGHT.
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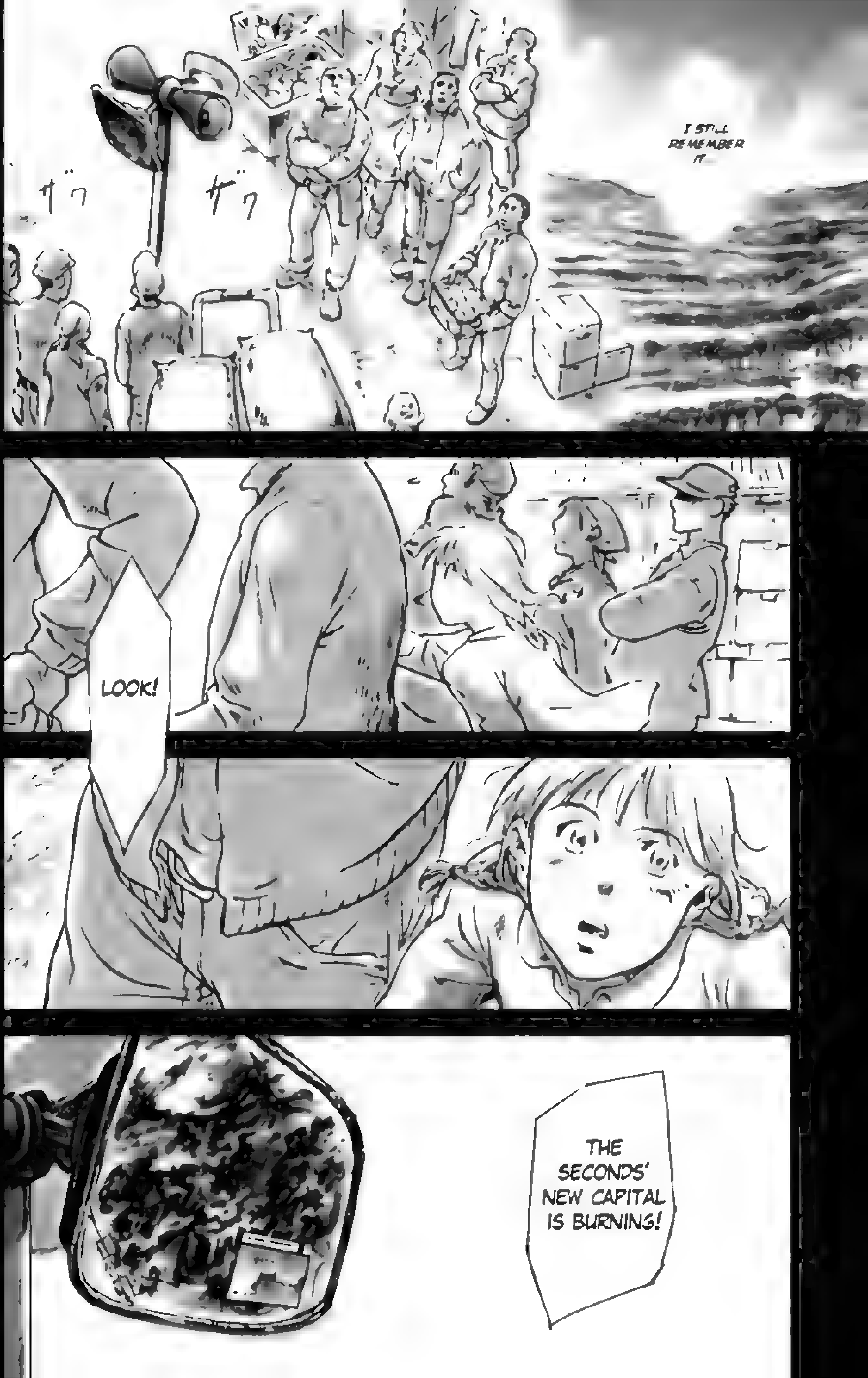
10 YEARS AGO...


I STILL REMEMBER IT...
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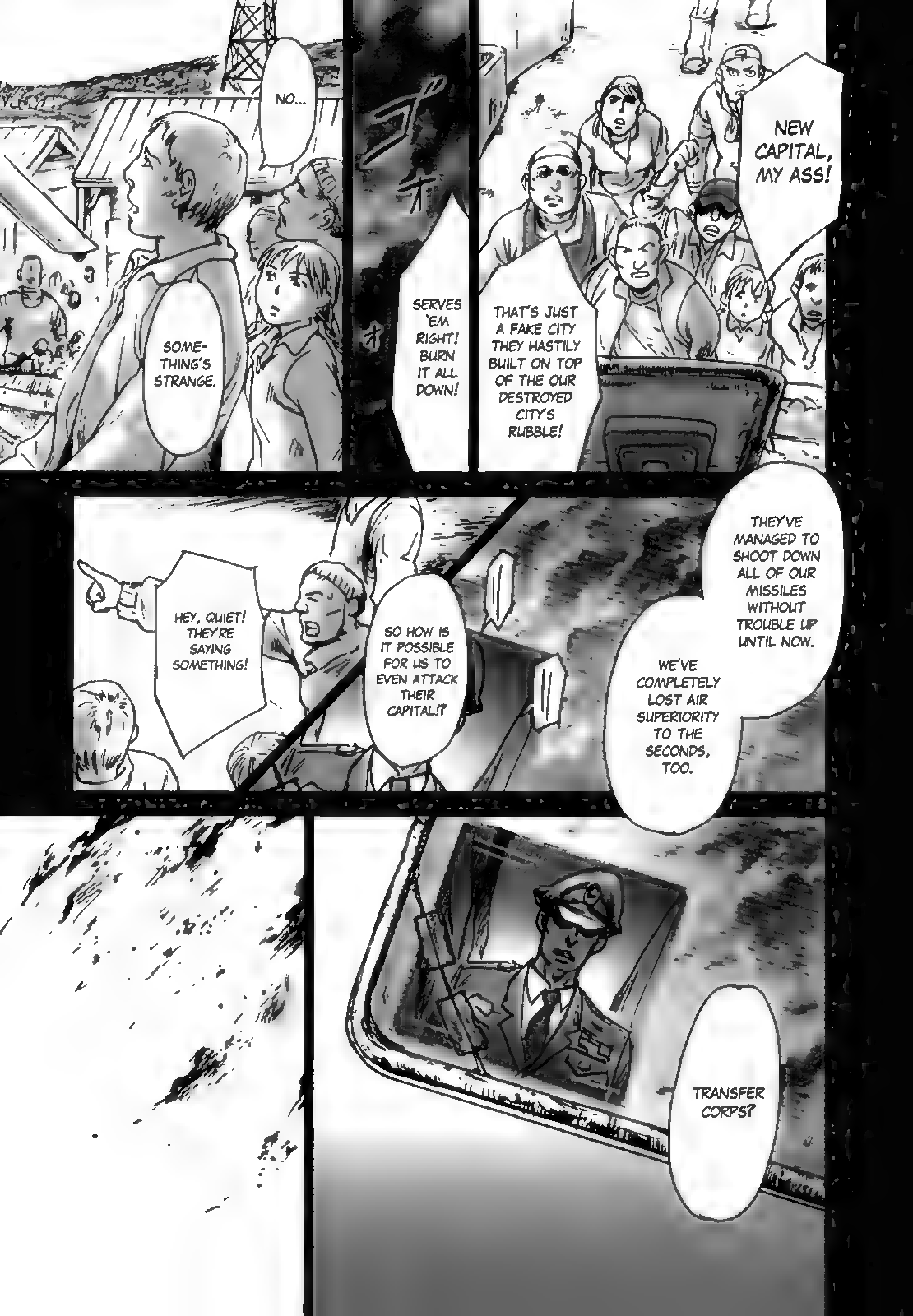
LOOK!
THE SECONDS' NEW CAPITAL IS BURNING!


NEW CAPITAL, MY ASS!
THAT'S JUST A FAKE CITY THEY HASTILY BUILT ON TOP OF THE OUR DESTROYED CITY'S RUBBLE!
SERVES 'EM RIGHT! BURN IT ALL DOWN!
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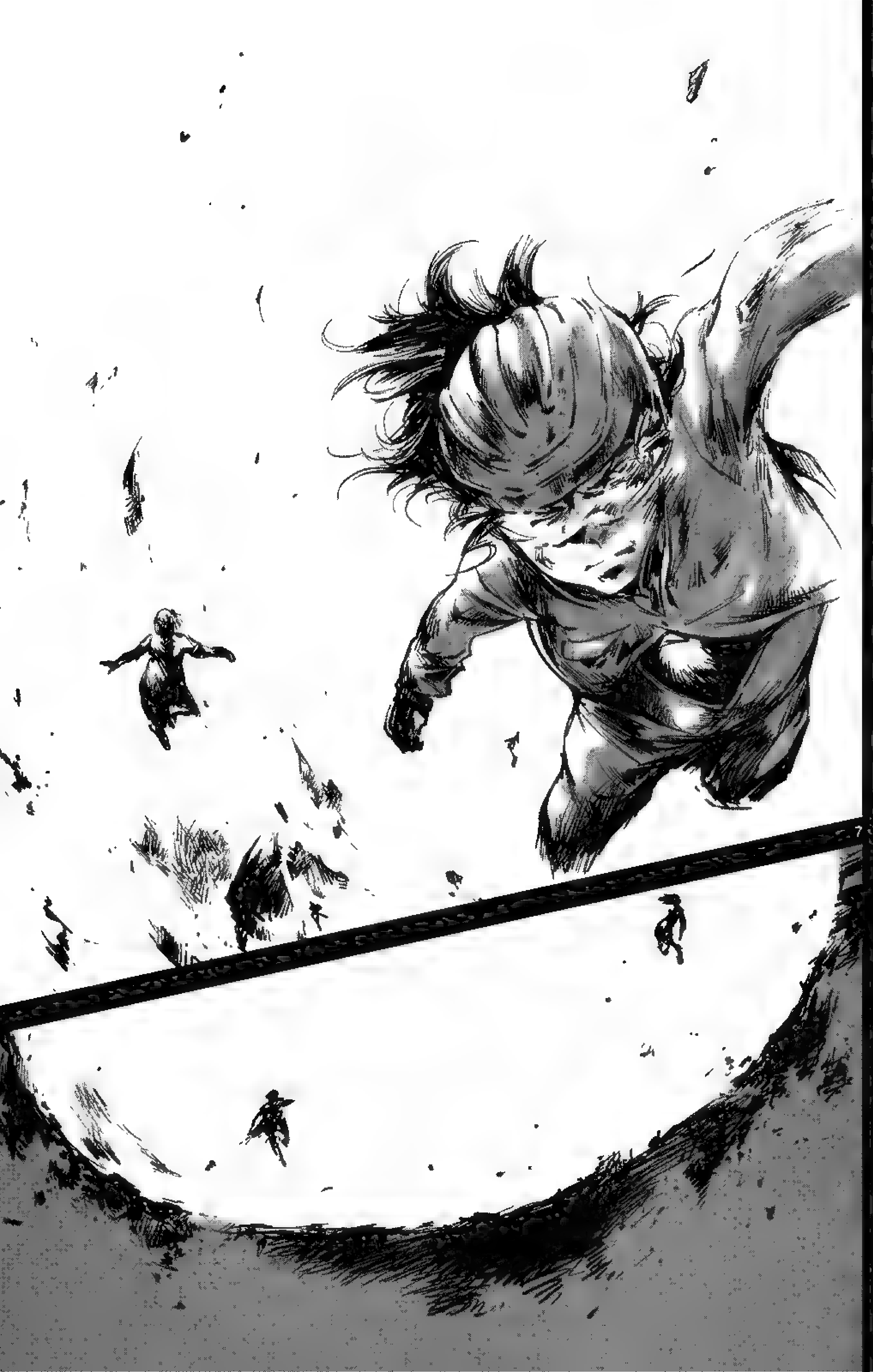
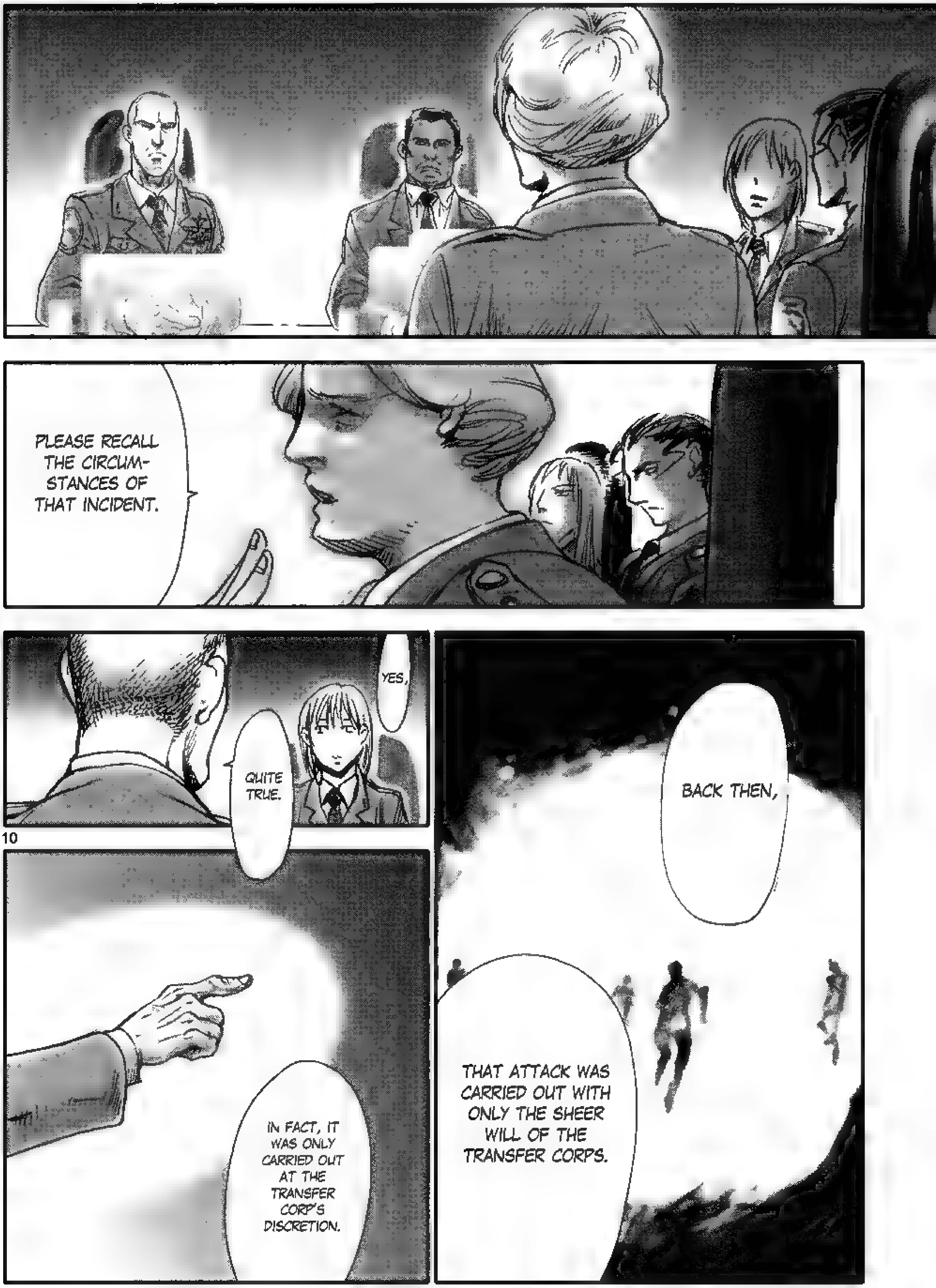
NO...
SOME-THING'S STRANGE.
THEY'VE MANAGED TO SHOOT DOWN ALL OF OUR MISSILES WITHOUT TROUBLE UP UNTIL NOW.
WE'VE COMPLETELY LOST AIR SUPERIORITY TO THE SECONDS, TOO.
SO HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO EVEN ATTACK THEIR CAPITAL!?
HEY, QUIET! THEY'RE SAYING SOMETHING!
TRANSFER CORPS?




PLEASE RECALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THAT INCIDENT.
BACK THEN,
THAT ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT WITH ONLY THE SHEER WILL OF THE TRANSFER CORPS.
YES,
QUITE TRUE.
IN FACT, IT WAS ONLY CARRIED OUT AT THE TRANSFER CORP'S DISCRETION.
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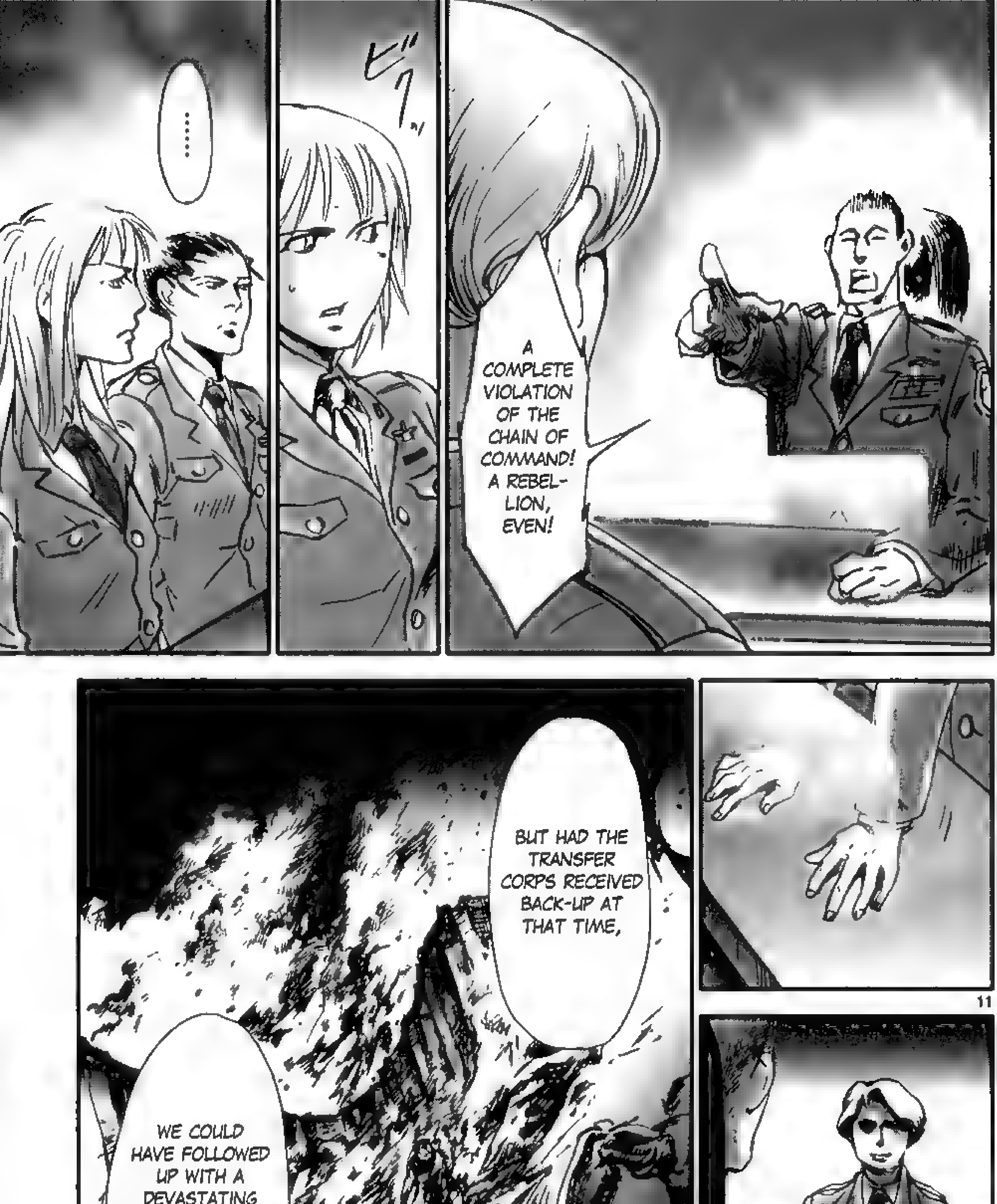
A COMPLETE VIOLATION OF THE CHAIN OF COMMAND! A REBELLION, EVEN!
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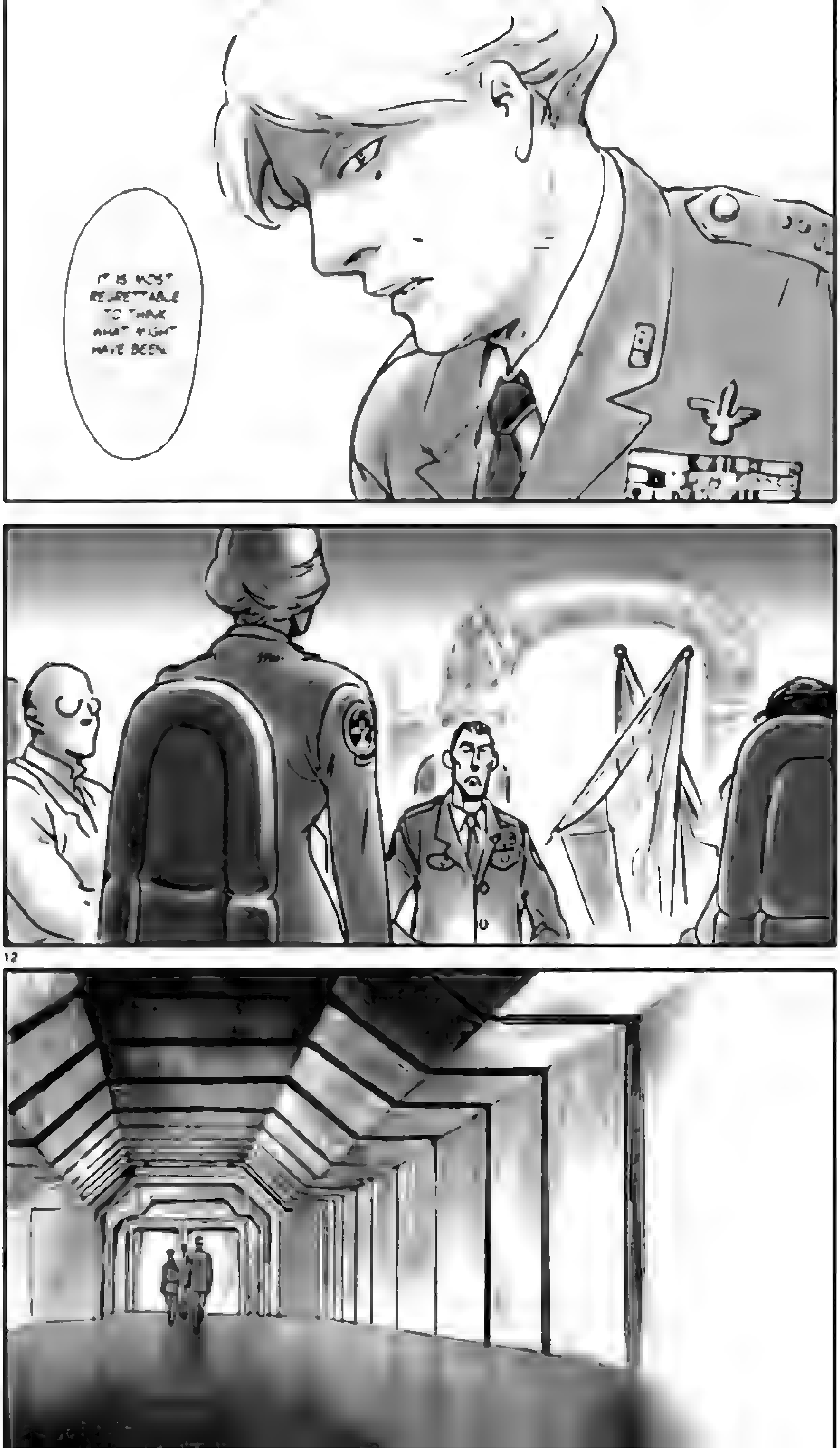
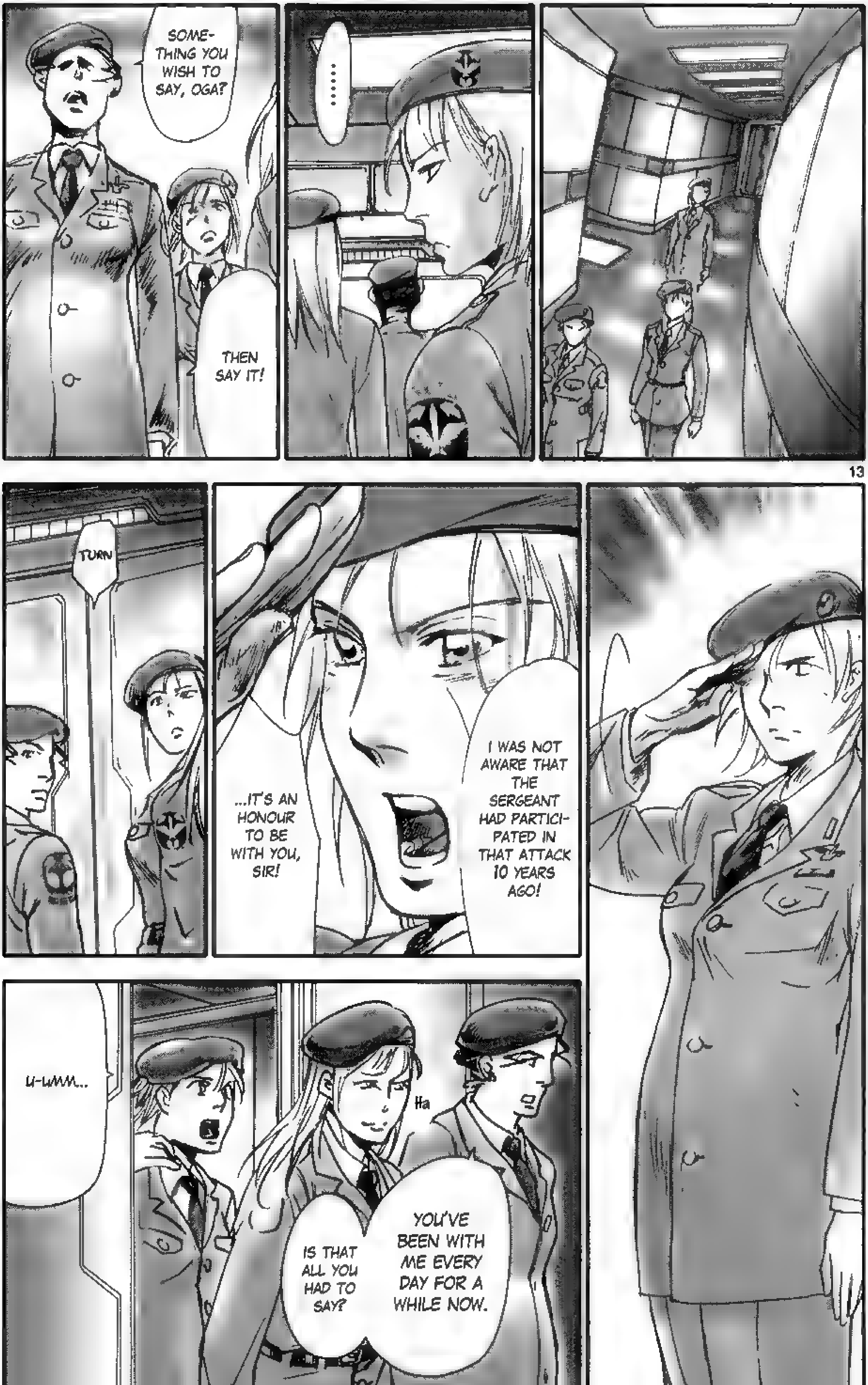
BUT HAD THE TRANSFER CORPS RECEIVED BACK-UP AT THAT TIME,
WE COULD HAVE FOLLOWED UP WITH A DEVASTATING OFFENSIVE THAT MIGHT HAVE CRUSHED THE SECOND'S WILL TO FIGHT.
WE, TOO, WERE RELUCTANT TO TAKE MATTERS INTO OUR OWN HANDS AT THE TIME.


IT IS MOST REGRETTABLE TO THINK WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN


SOME-THING YOU WISH TO SAY, OGA?
THEN SAY IT!
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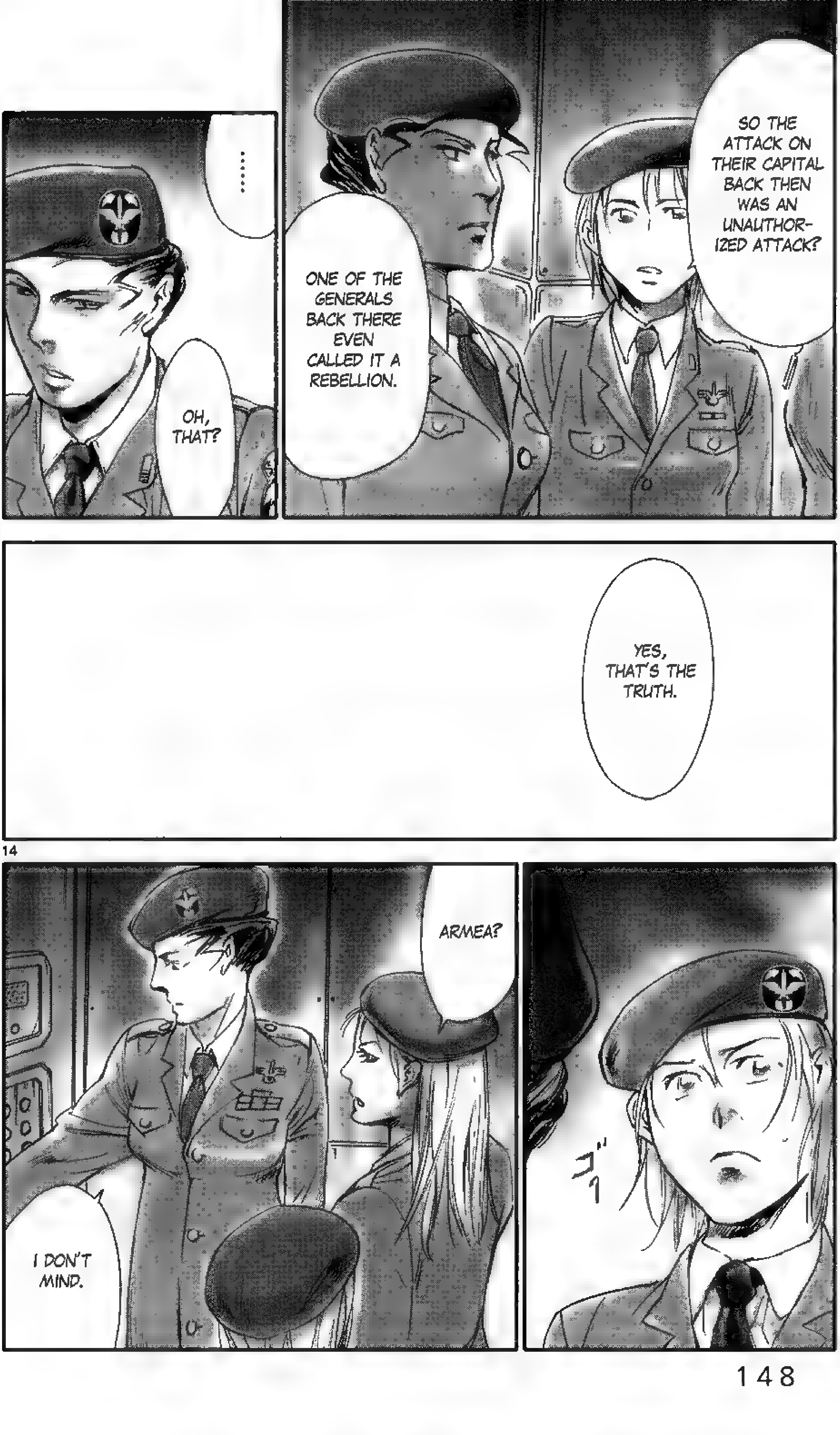
TURN
I WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE SERGEANT HAD PARTICIPATED IN THAT ATTACK 10 YEARS AGO!
...IT'S AN HONOUR TO BE WITH YOU, SIR!
U-UMM...
Ha
YOU'VE BEEN WITH ME EVERY DAY FOR A WHILE NOW.
IS THAT ALL YOU HAD TO SAY?


SO THE ATTACK ON THEIR CAPITAL BACK THEN WAS AN UNAUTHORIZED ATTACK?
ONE OF THE GENERALS BACK THERE EVEN CALLED IT A REBELLION.
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OH, THAT?
YES, THAT'S THE TRUTH.
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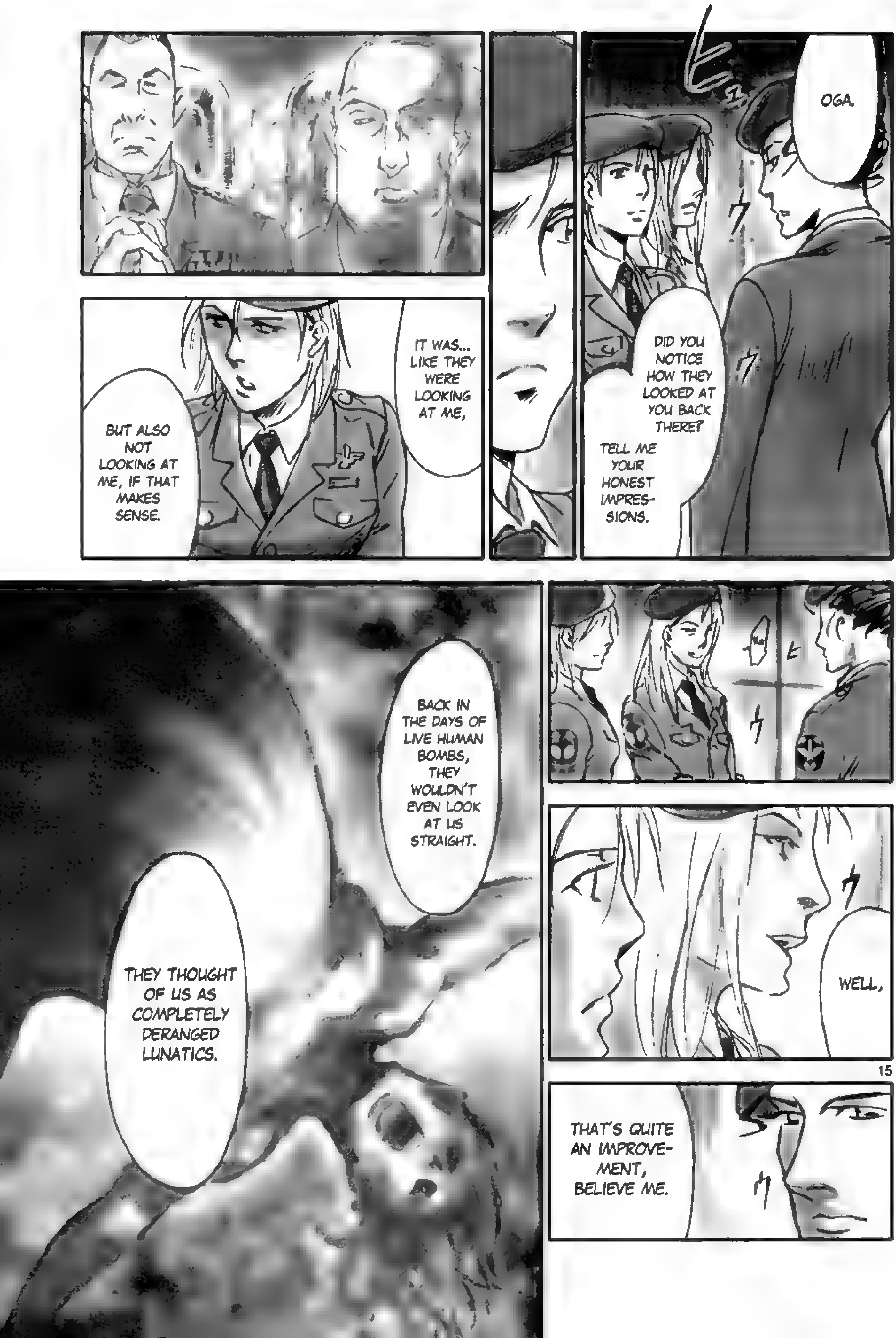
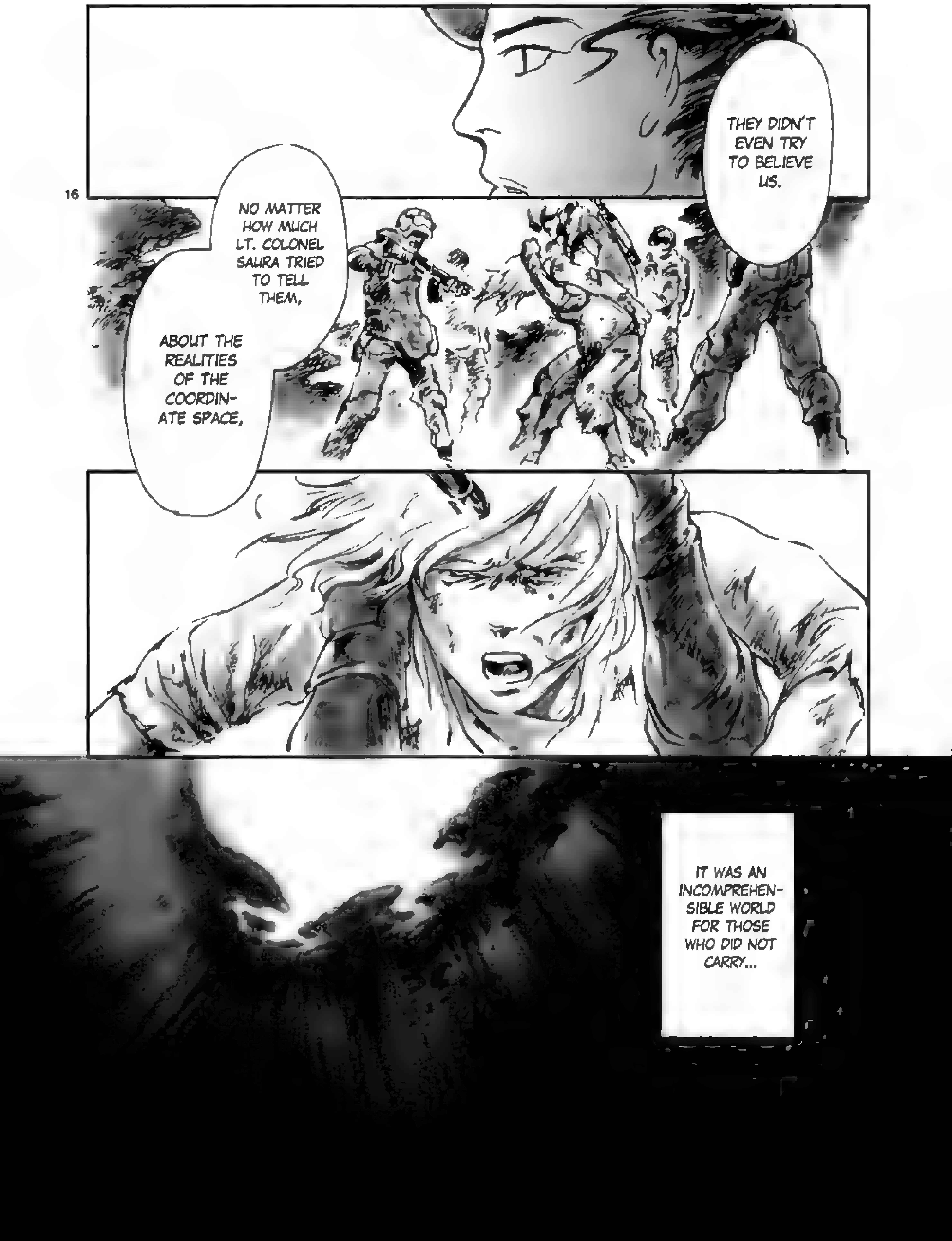
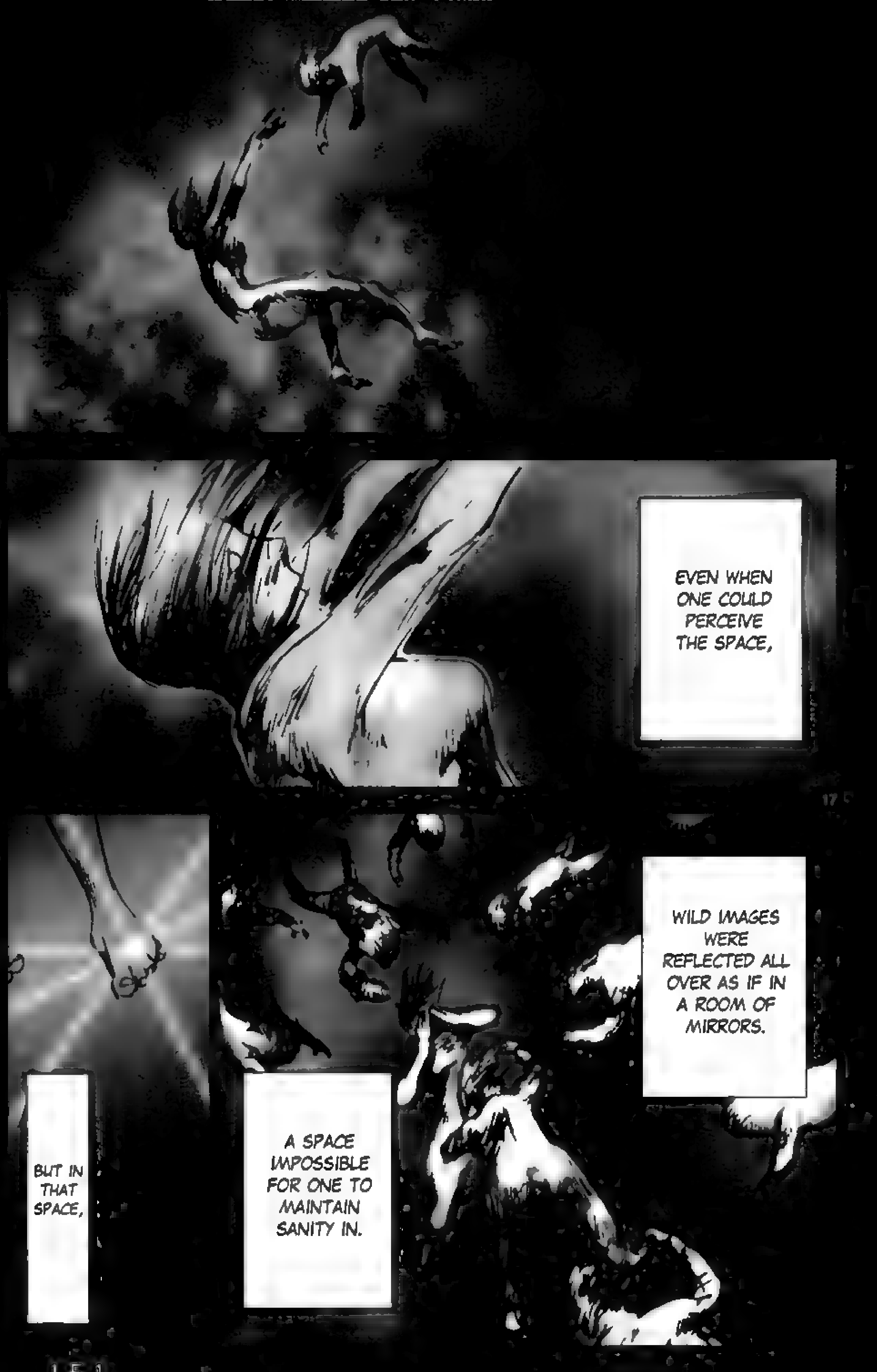
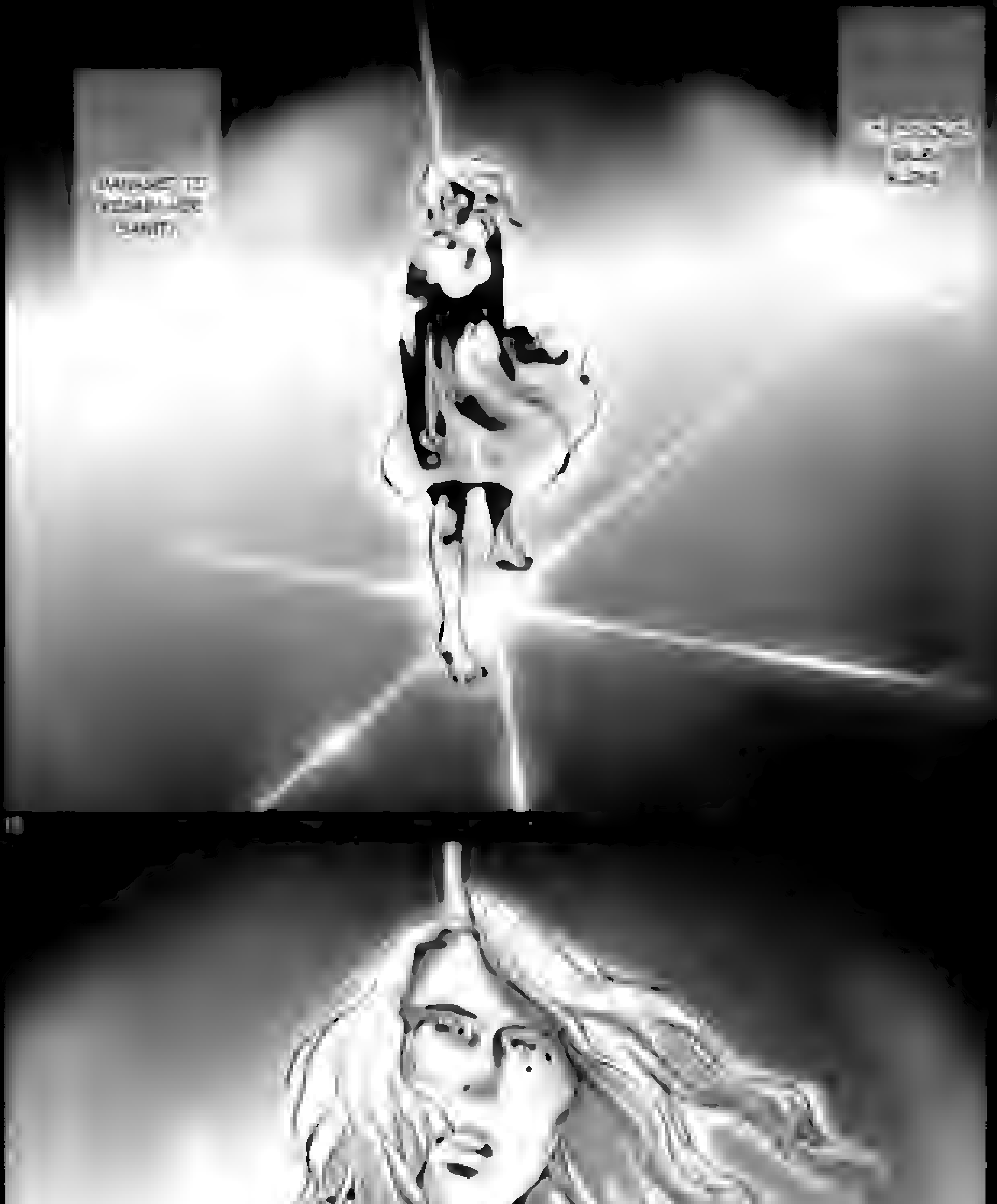
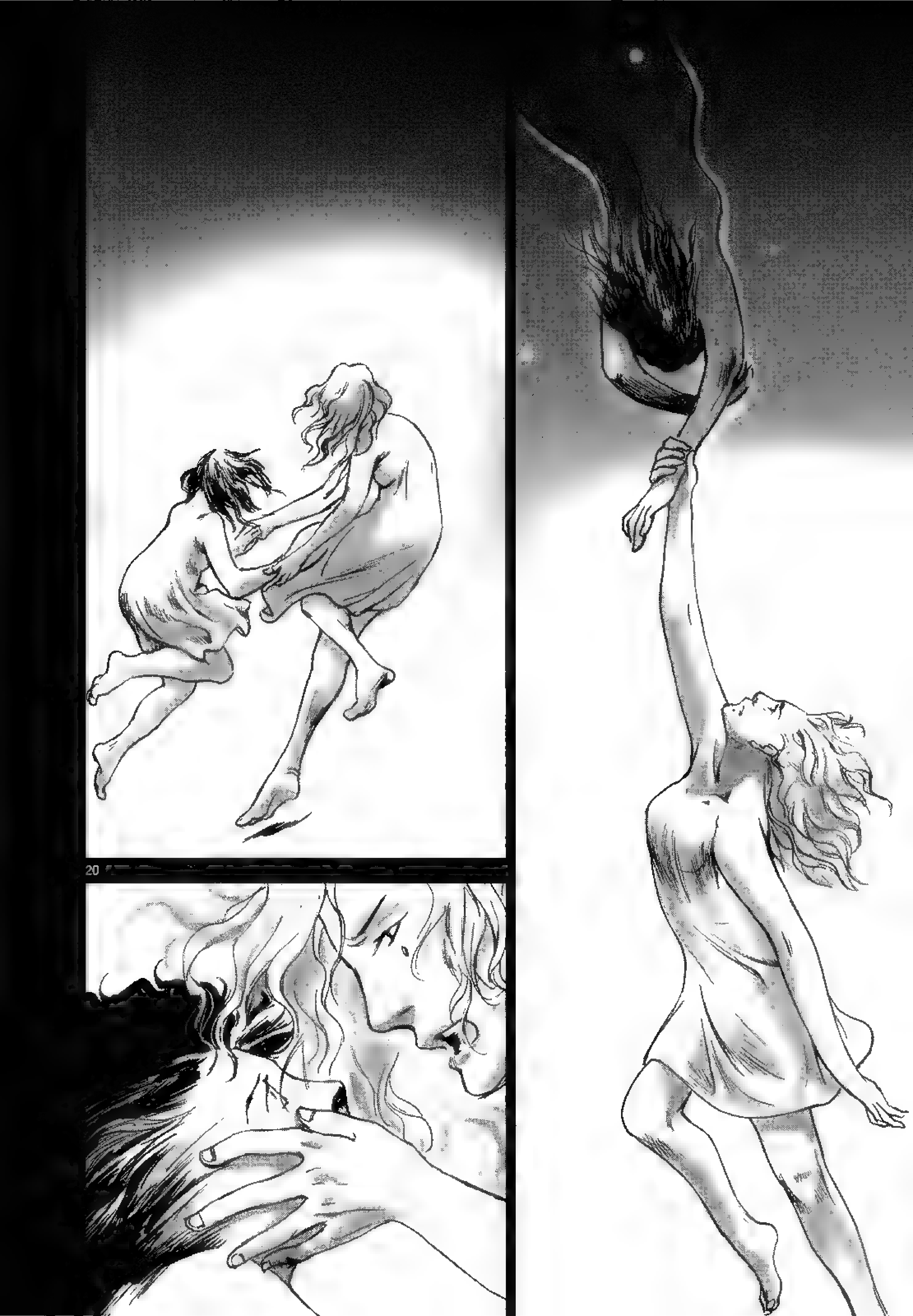
ARMEA?
I DON'T MIND.

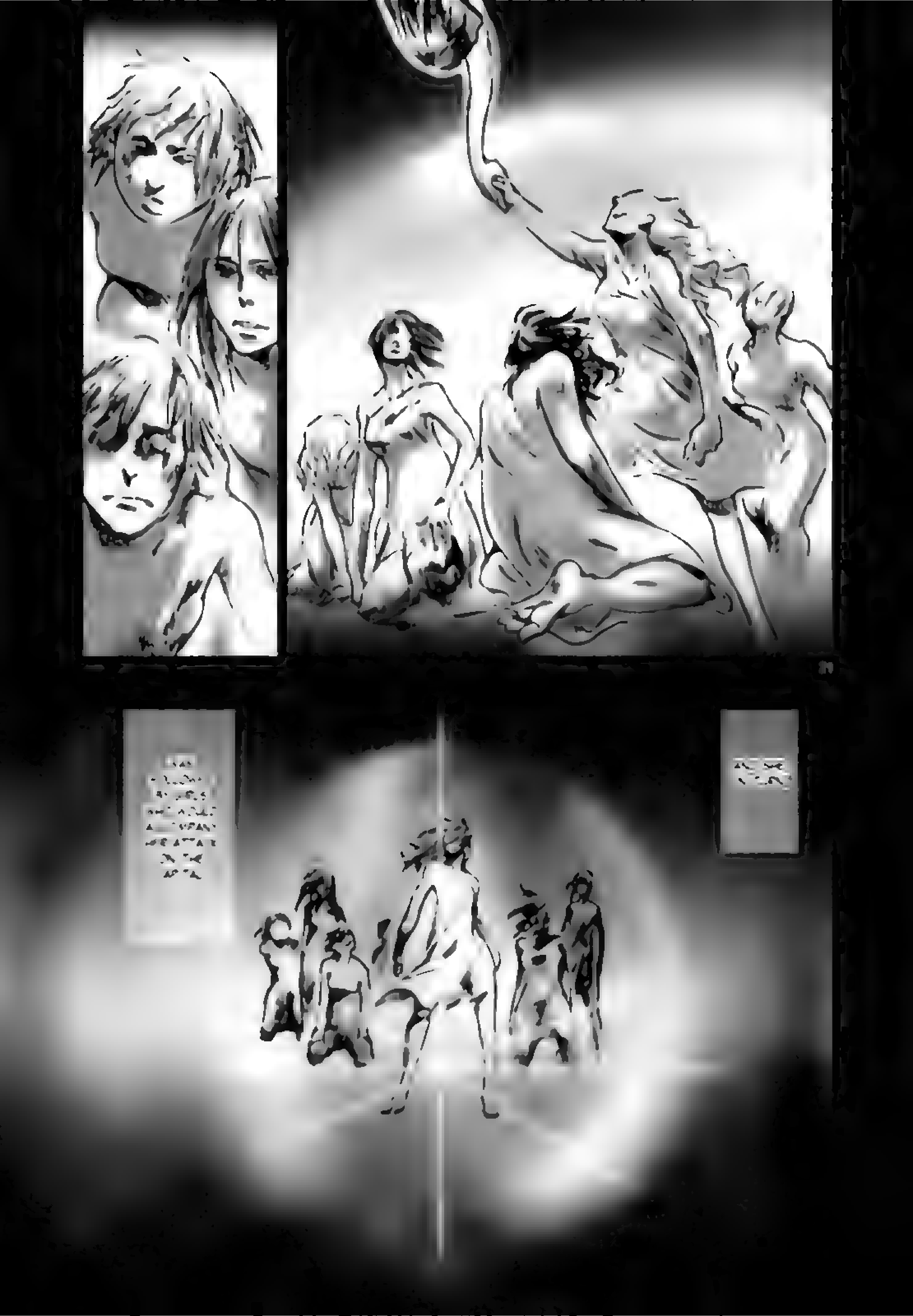

OGA.
DID YOU NOTICE HOW THEY LOOKED AT YOU BACK THERE?
TELL ME YOUR HONEST IMPRESSIONS.
IT WAS... LIKE THEY WERE LOOKING AT ME,
BUT ALSO NOT LOOKING AT ME, IF THAT MAKES SENSE.
WELL,
THAT'S QUITE AN IMPROVEMENT, BELIEVE ME.
BACK IN THE DAYS OF LIVE HUMAN BOMBS, THEY WOULDN'T EVEN LOOK AT US STRAIGHT.
THEY THOUGHT OF US AS COMPLETELY DERANGED LUNATICS.

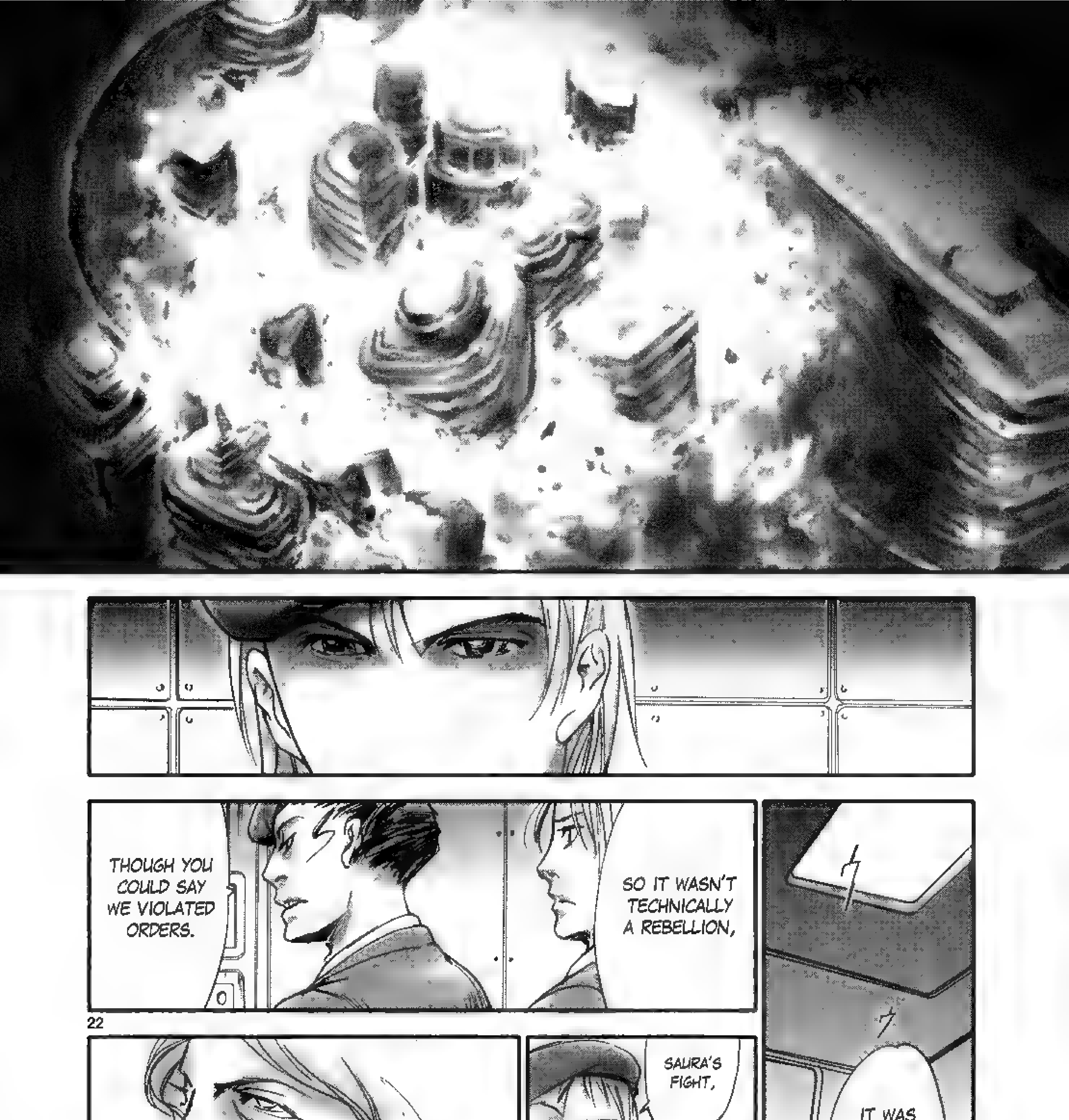

THEY DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO BELIEVE US.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH LT. COLONEL SAURA TRIED TO TELL THEM,
ABOUT THE REALITIES OF THE COORDINATE SPACE,
IT WAS AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE WORLD FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT CARRY...

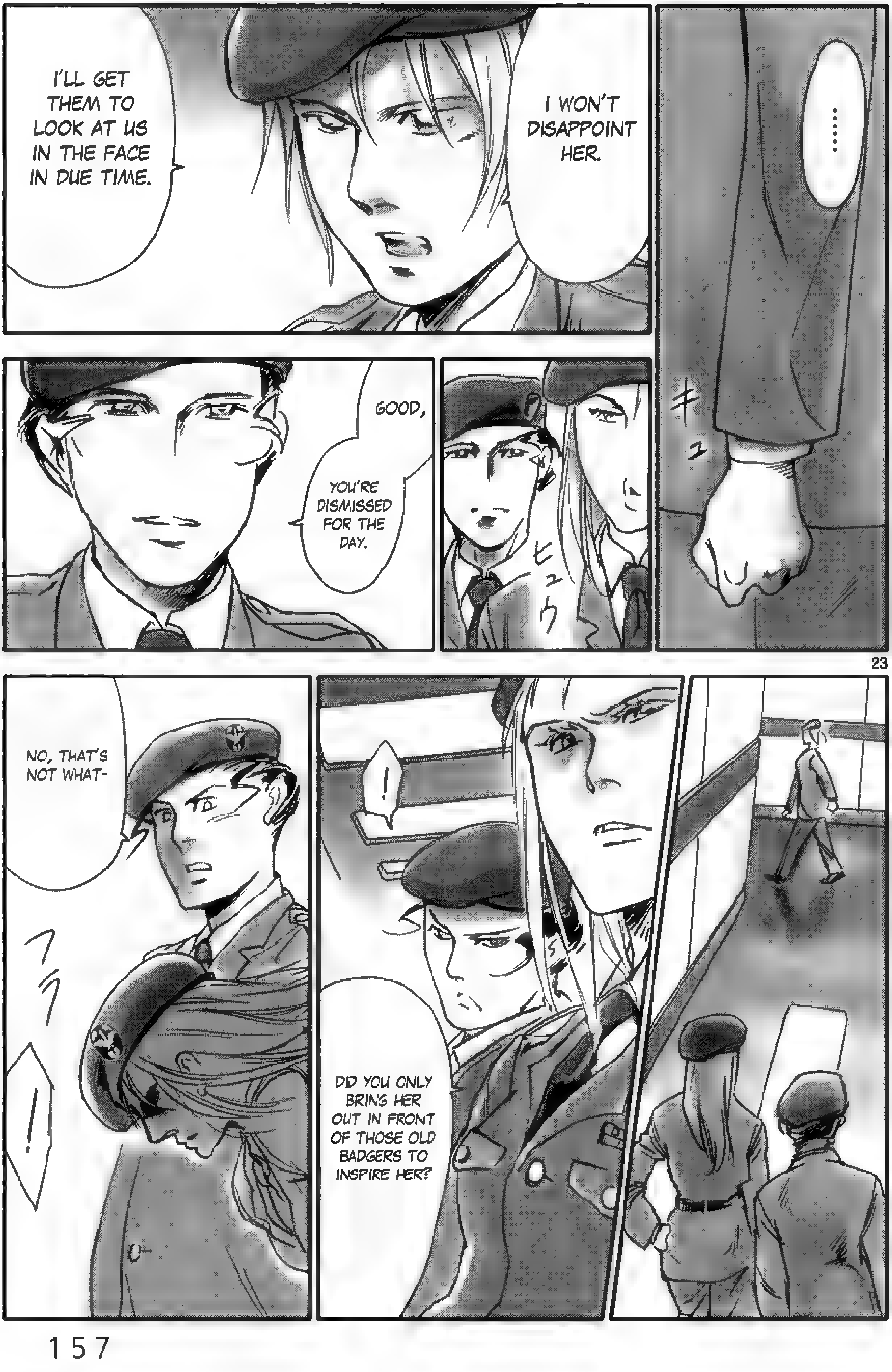

EVEN WHEN ONE COULD PERCEIVE THE SPACE,
WILD IMAGES WERE REFLECTED ALL OVER AS IF IN A ROOM OF MIRRORS.
A SPACE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE TO MAINTAIN SANITY IN.
BUT IN THAT SPACE,








SO IT WASN'T TECHNICALLY A REBELLION,
THOUGH YOU COULD SAY WE VIOLATED ORDERS.
IT WAS ONLY AFTER THAT WE RETURNED TO THE ARMY.
SAURA'S FIGHT,
STILL CONTINUES,
EVEN TODAY.


I WON'T DISAPPOINT HER.
I'LL GET THEM TO LOOK AT US IN THE FACE IN DUE TIME.
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GOOD,
YOU'RE DISMISSED FOR THE DAY.
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DID YOU ONLY BRING HER OUT IN FRONT OF THOSE OLD BADGERS TO INSPIRE HER?
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT-
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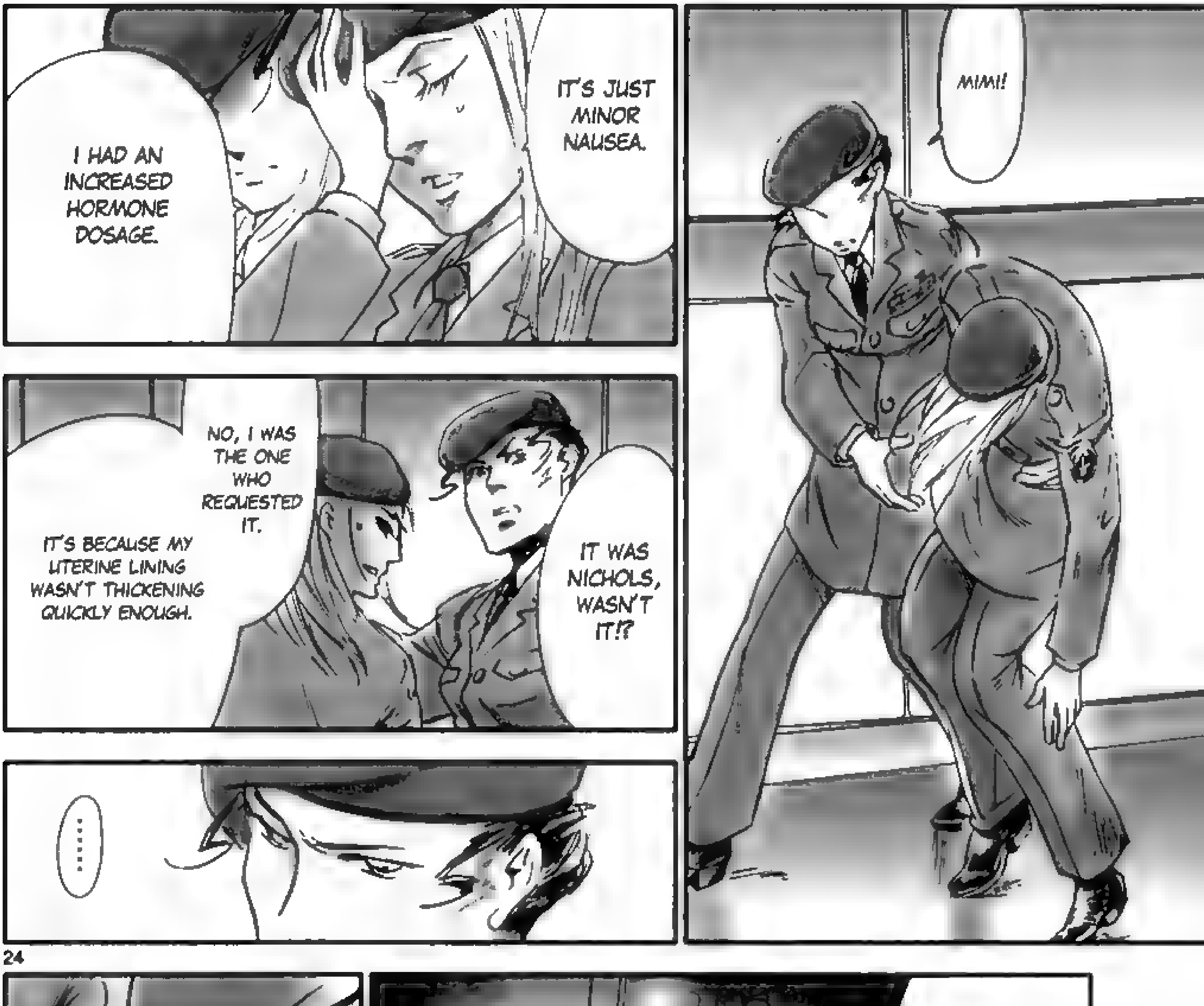
MIMI!
IT'S JUST MINOR NAUSEA.
I HAD AN INCREASED HORMONE DOSAGE.
IT WAS NICHOLS, WASN'T IT!?
NO, I WAS THE ONE WHO REQUESTED IT.
IT'S BECAUSE MY UTERINE LINING WASN'T THICKENING QUICKLY ENOUGH.
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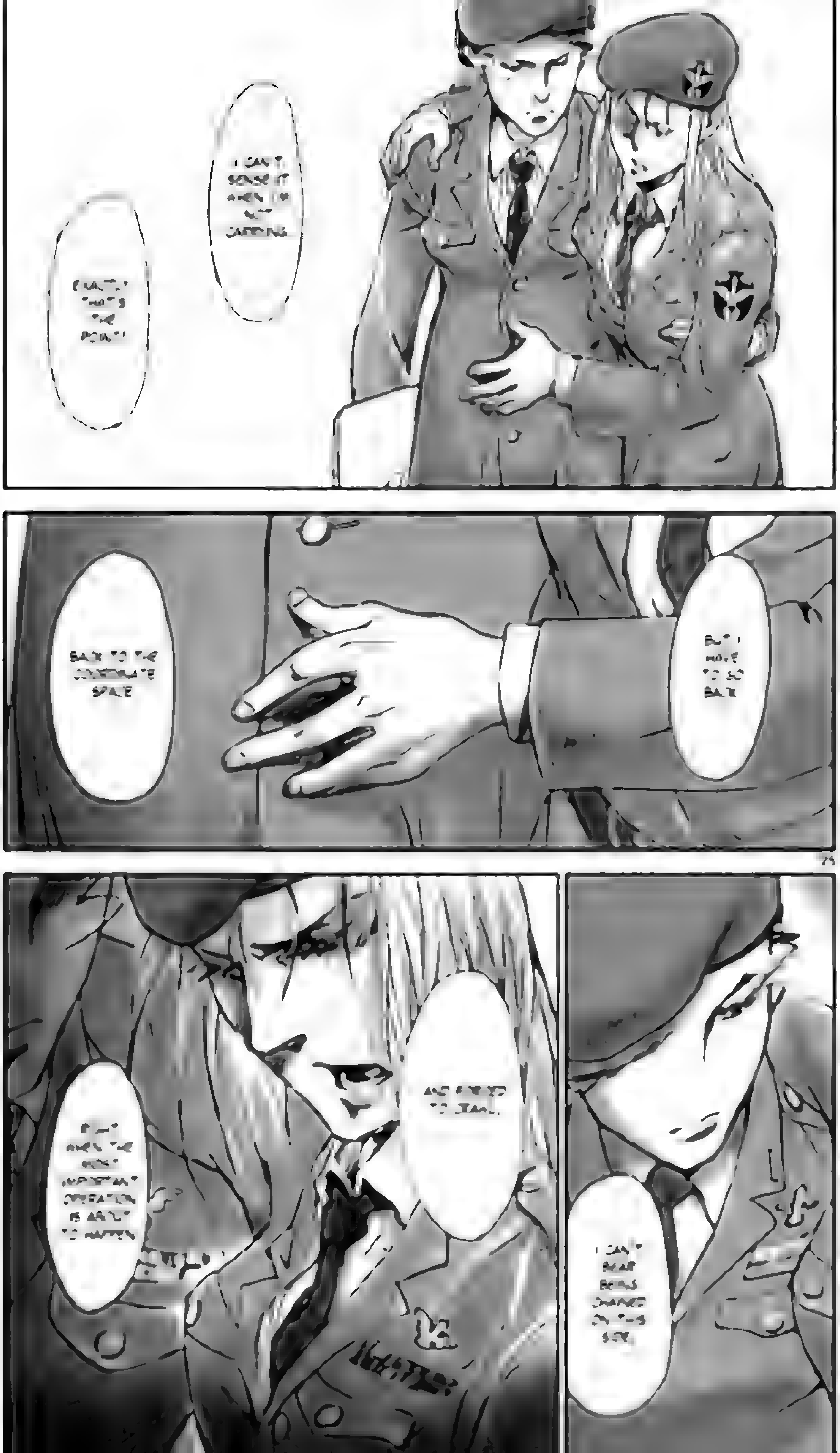
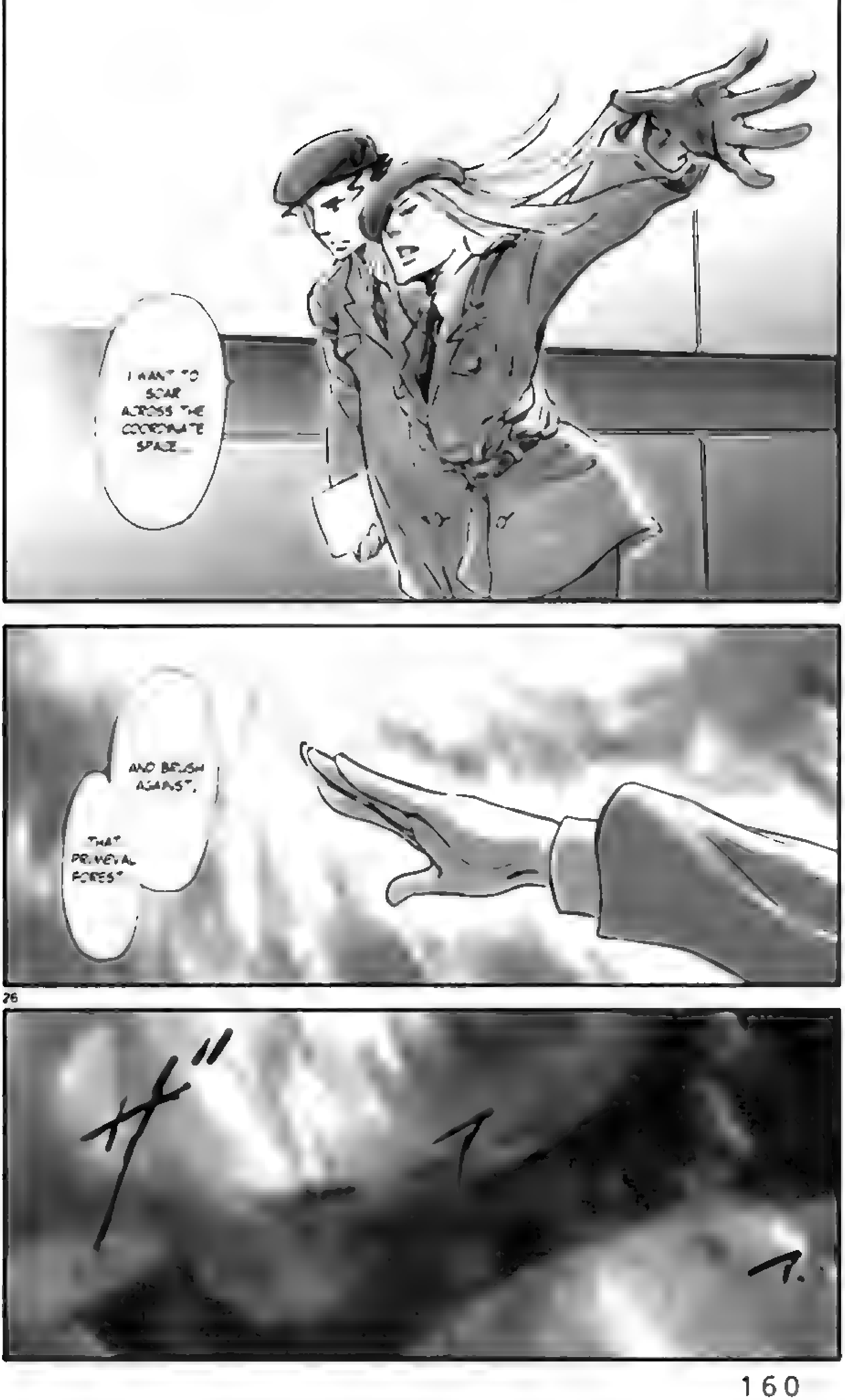
THE MILITARY-USE HORMONE DRUGS ARE STRONG.
USE IT TOO MUCH, AND YOU MIGHT DEVELOP CANCER.
CANCER!?
LIKE I CARE!


I CAN'T SENSE IT WHEN I'M NOT CARRYING...
EXACTLY. THAT'S THE POINT!
BUT I HAVE TO GO BACK
BACK TO THE COORDINATE SPACE
I CAN'T BEAR BEING CHAINED ON THIS SIDE,
AND FORCED TO LEAVE...
RIGHT WHEN THE MOST IMPORTANT OPERATION IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.


I WANT TO SOAR ACROSS THE COORDINATE SPACE...
AND BRUSH AGAINST,
THAT PRIMEVAL FOREST
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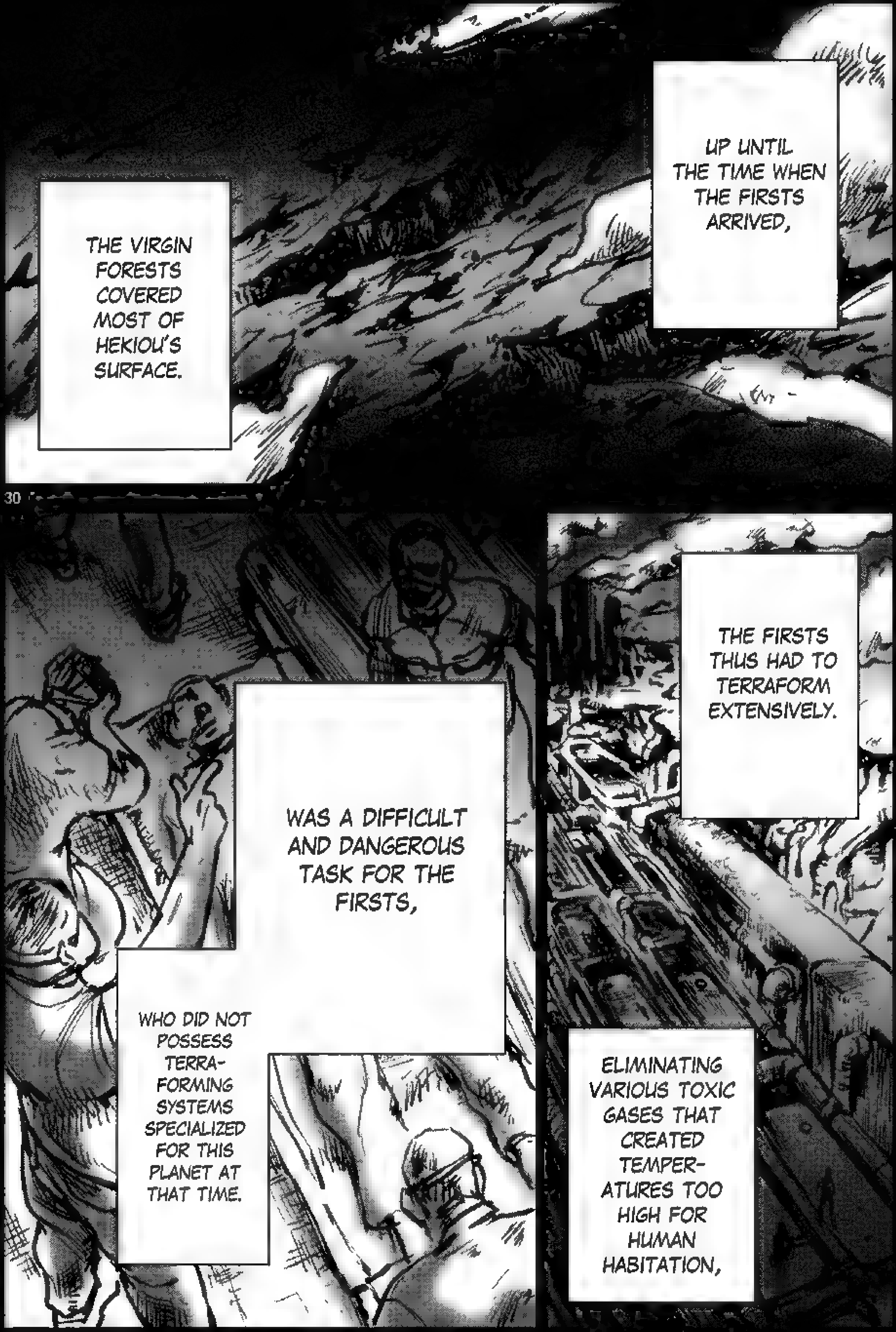
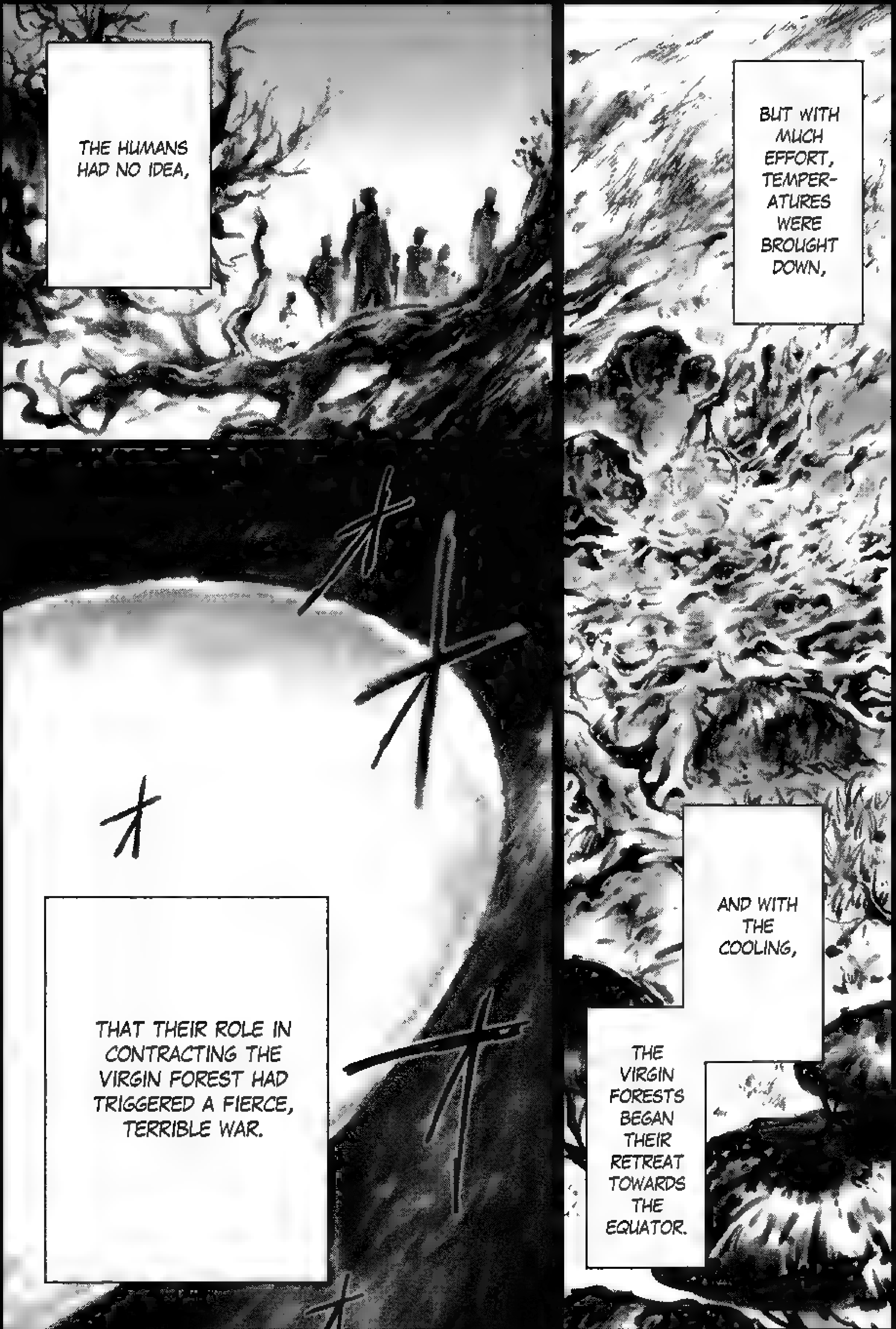
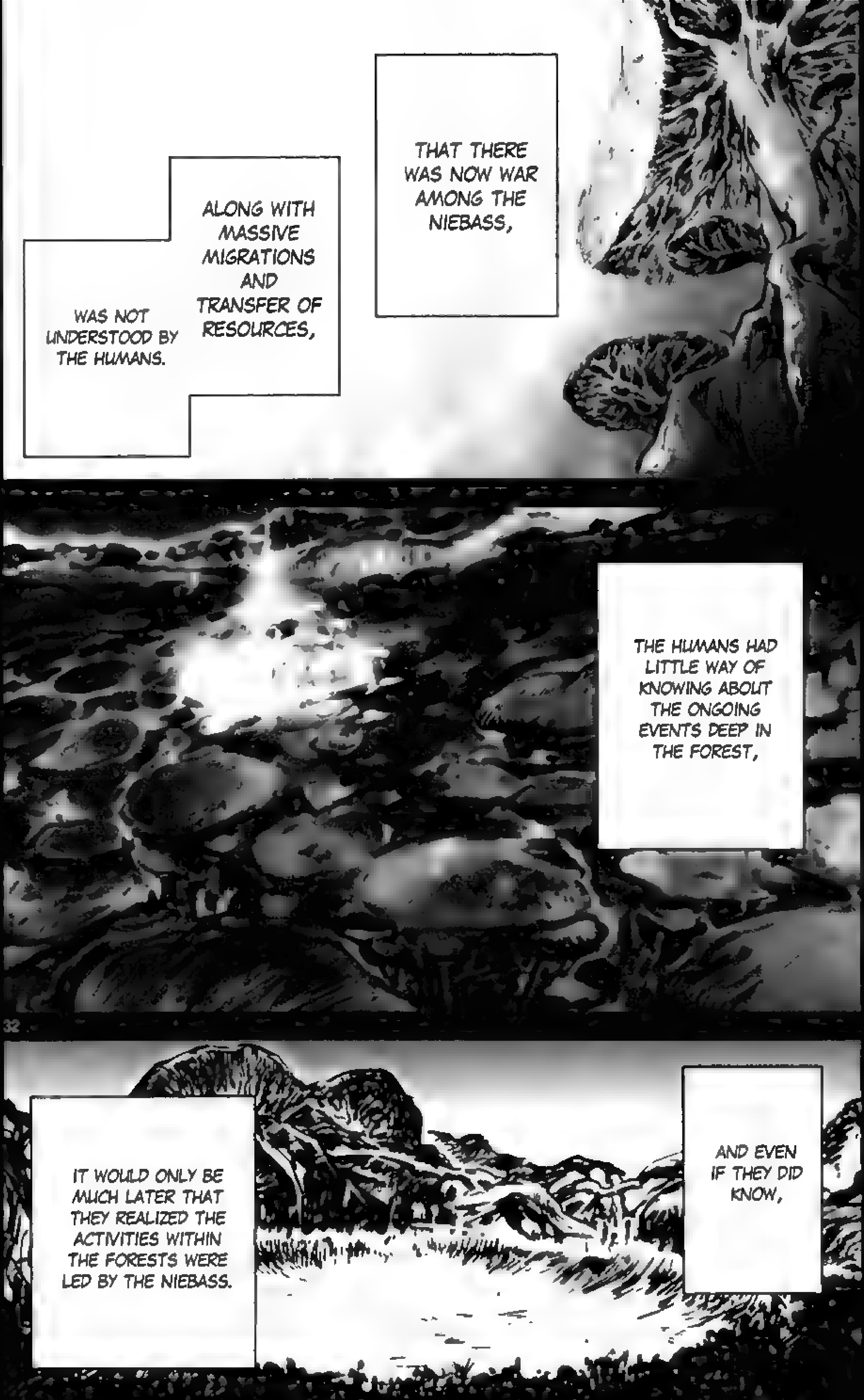
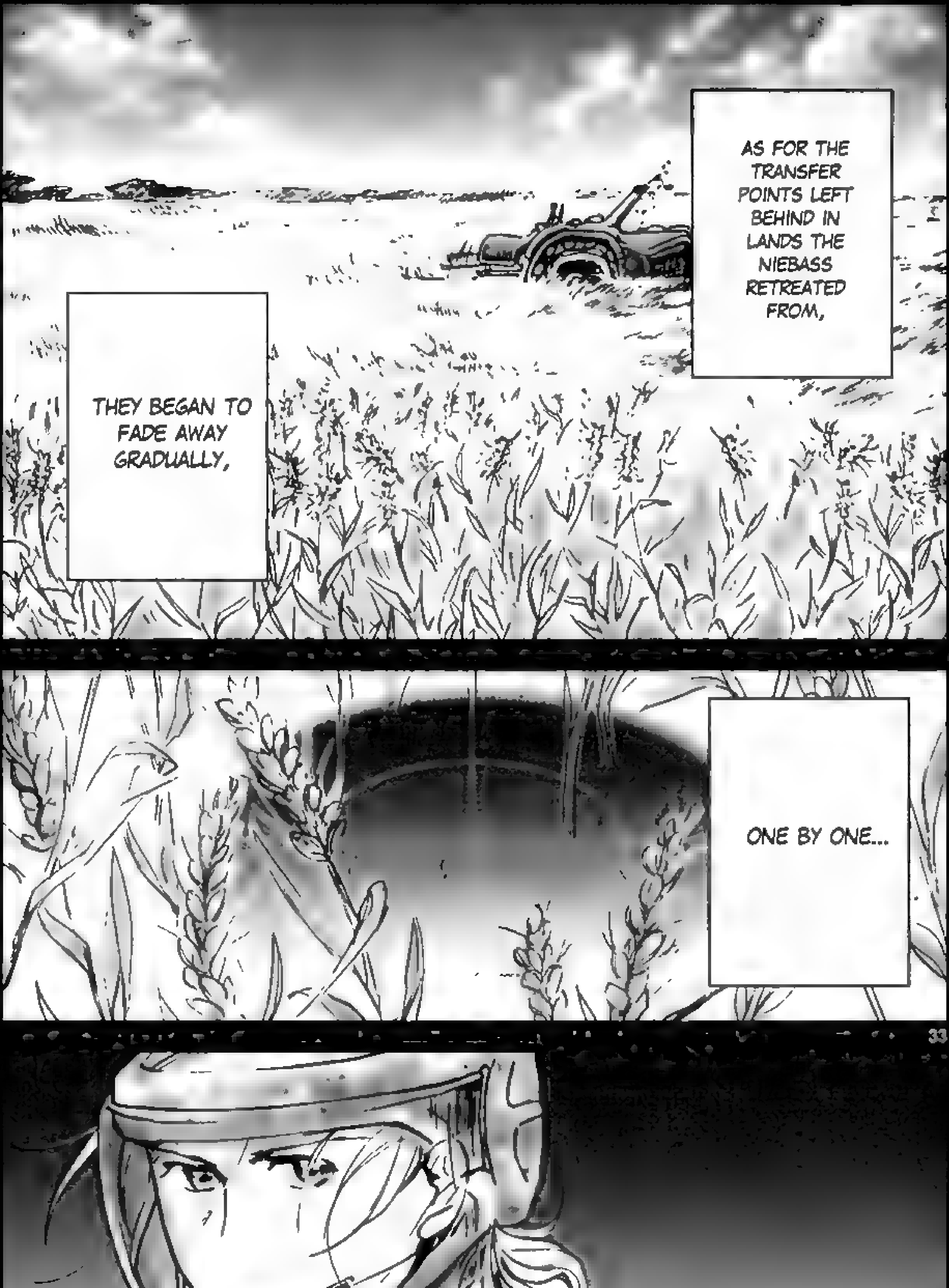

UP UNTIL THE TIME WHEN THE FIRSTS ARRIVED,
THE VIRGIN FORESTS COVERED MOST OF HEKIOU'S SURFACE.
THE FIRSTS THUS HAD TO TERRAFORM EXTENSIVELY.
ELIMINATING VARIOUS TOXIC GASES THAT CREATED TEMPERATURES TOO HIGH FOR HUMAN HABITATION,
WAS A DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS TASK FOR THE FIRSTS,
WHO DID NOT POSSESS TERRAFORMING SYSTEMS SPECIALIZED FOR THIS PLANET AT THAT TIME.


BUT WITH MUCH EFFORT, TEMPERATURES WERE BROUGHT DOWN,
AND WITH THE COOLING,
THE VIRGIN FORESTS BEGAN THEIR RETREAT TOWARDS THE EQUATOR.
THE HUMANS HAD NO IDEA,
THAT THEIR ROLE IN CONTRACTING THE VIRGIN FOREST HAD TRIGGERED A FIERCE, TERRIBLE WAR.


THAT THERE WAS NOW WAR AMONG THE NIEBASS,
ALONG WITH MASSIVE MIGRATIONS AND TRANSFER OF RESOURCES,
WAS NOT UNDERSTOOD BY THE HUMANS.
THE HUMANS HAD LITTLE WAY OF KNOWING ABOUT THE ONGOING EVENTS DEEP IN THE FOREST,
AND EVEN IF THEY DID KNOW,
IT WOULD ONLY BE MUCH LATER THAT THEY REALIZED THE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE FORESTS WERE LED BY THE NIEBASS.


AS FOR THE TRANSFER POINTS LEFT BEHIND IN LANDS THE NIEBASS RETREATED FROM,
THEY BEGAN TO FADE AWAY GRADUALLY,
ONE BY ONE...

MANA.
I'M BORED
LET'S PLAY
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NO
IF WE DON'T HAVE SOMEONE STANDING GUARD HERE,
THE POINT WILL DISAPPE-
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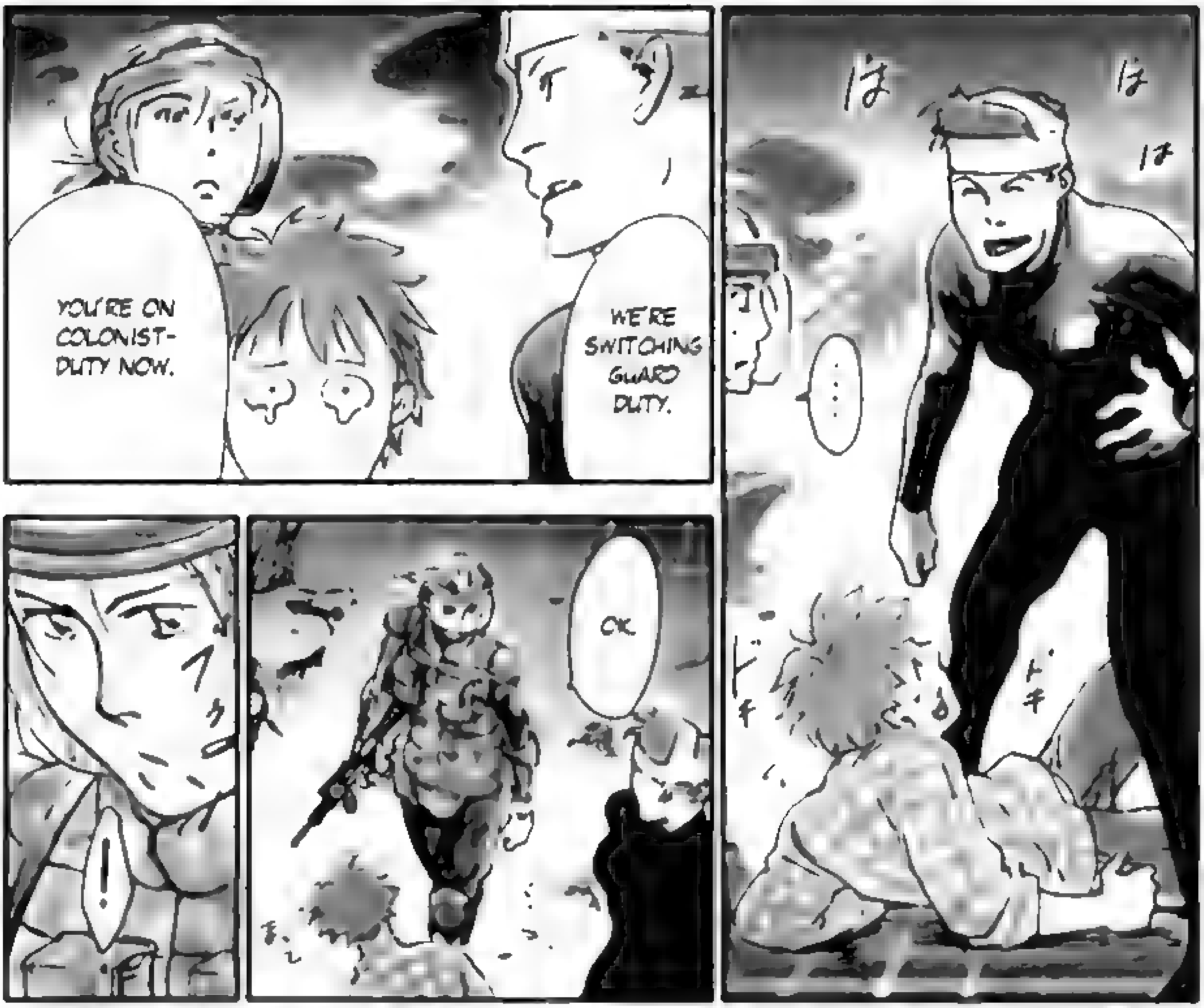
ASHH! STOP!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WE'RE SWITCHING GUARD DUTY.
YOU'RE ON COLONIST-DUTY NOW.
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OK.
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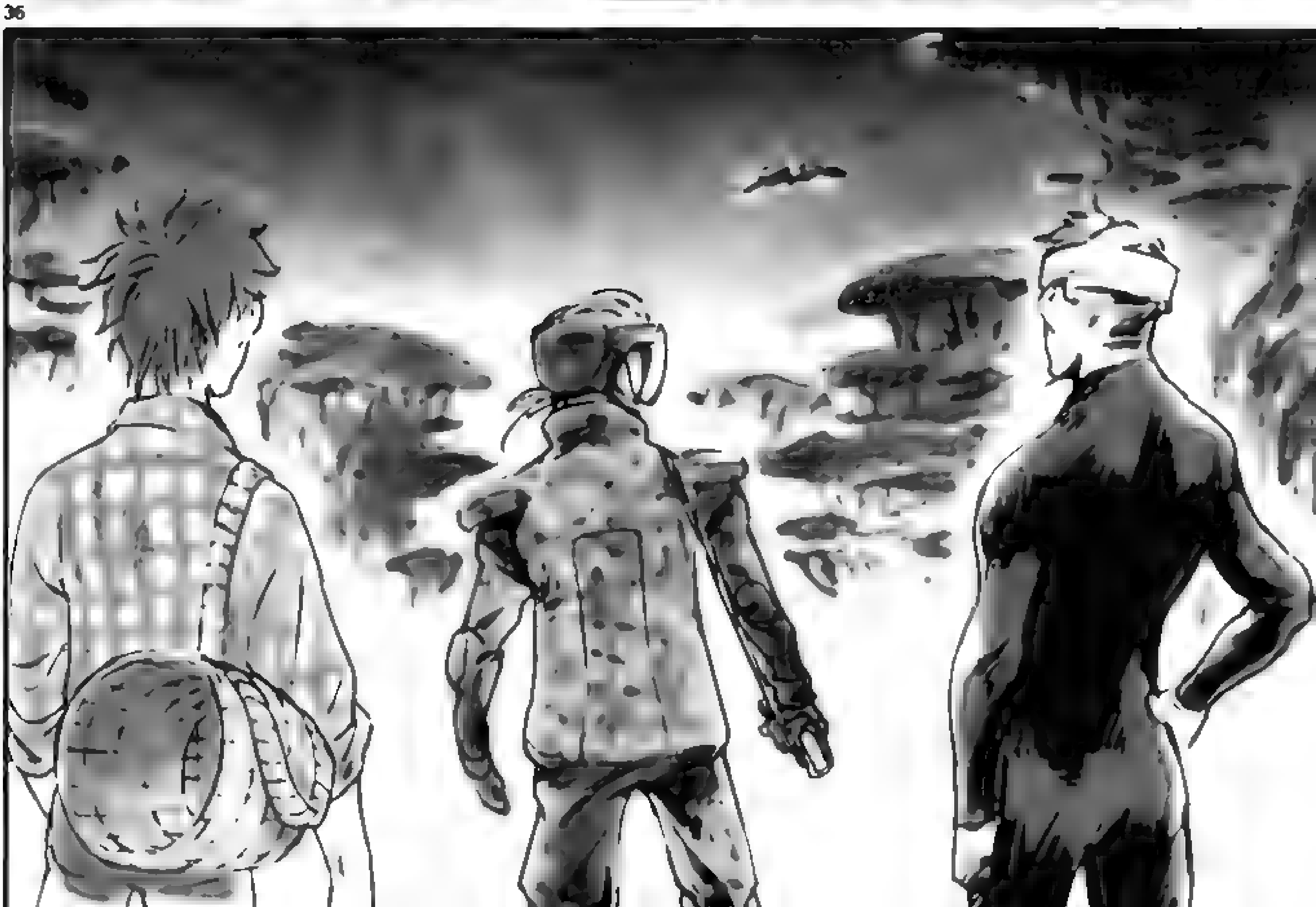
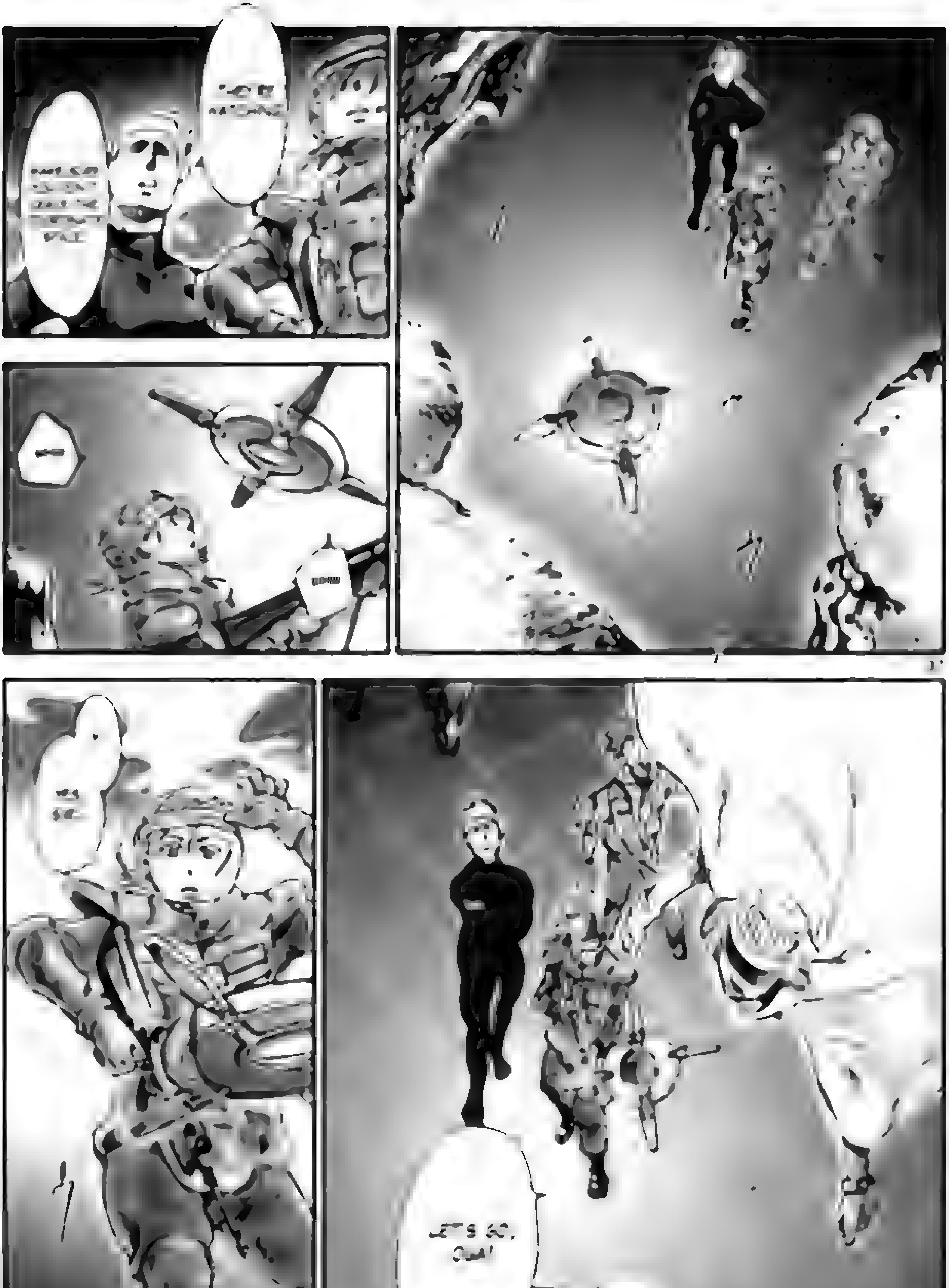
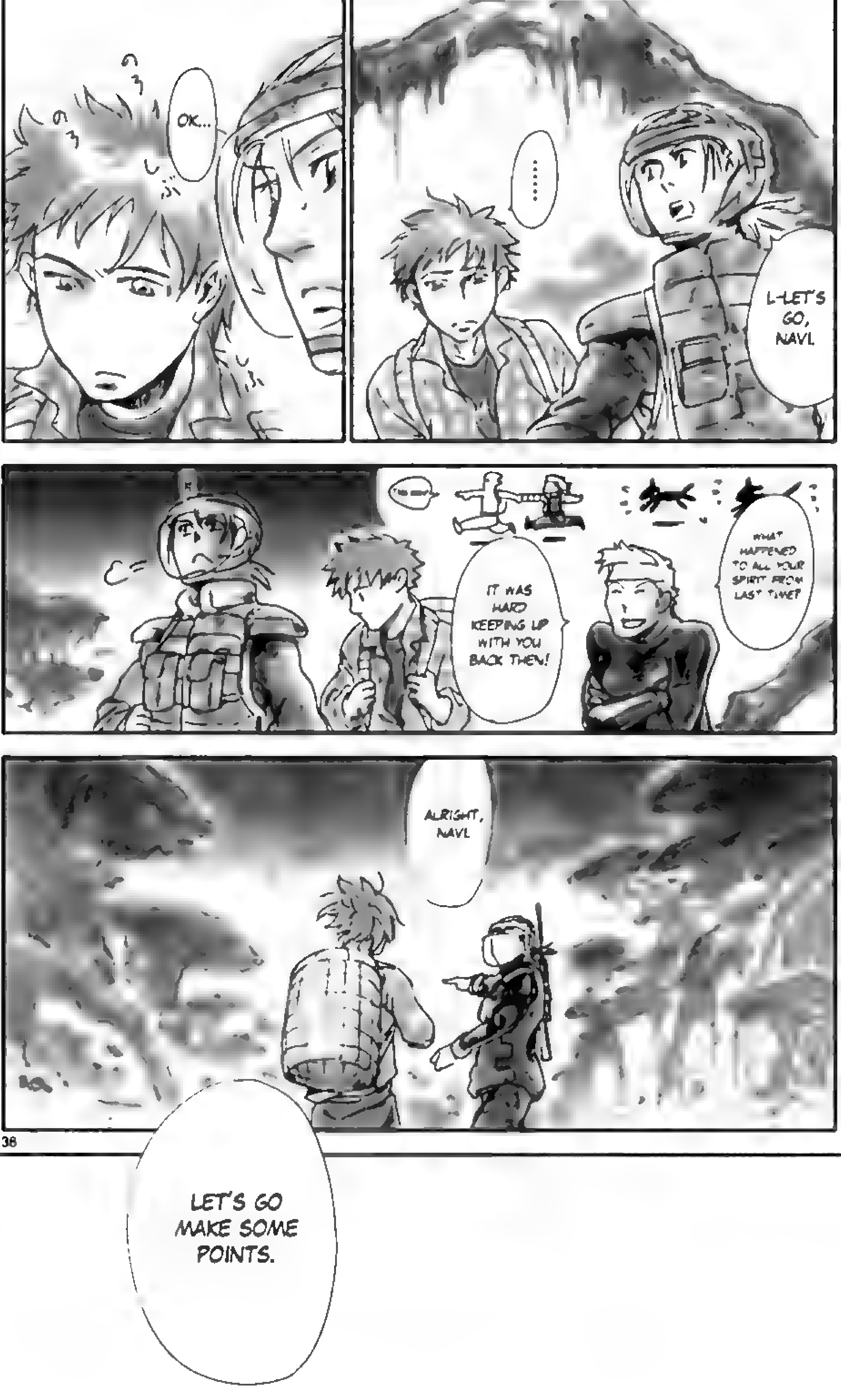



LET'S GO,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L-LET'S GO, NAVL
OK...
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL YOUR SPIRIT FROM LAST TIME?
IT WAS HARD KEEPING UP WITH YOU BACK THEN!
ALRIGHT, NAVL
LET'S GO MAKE SOME POINTS.

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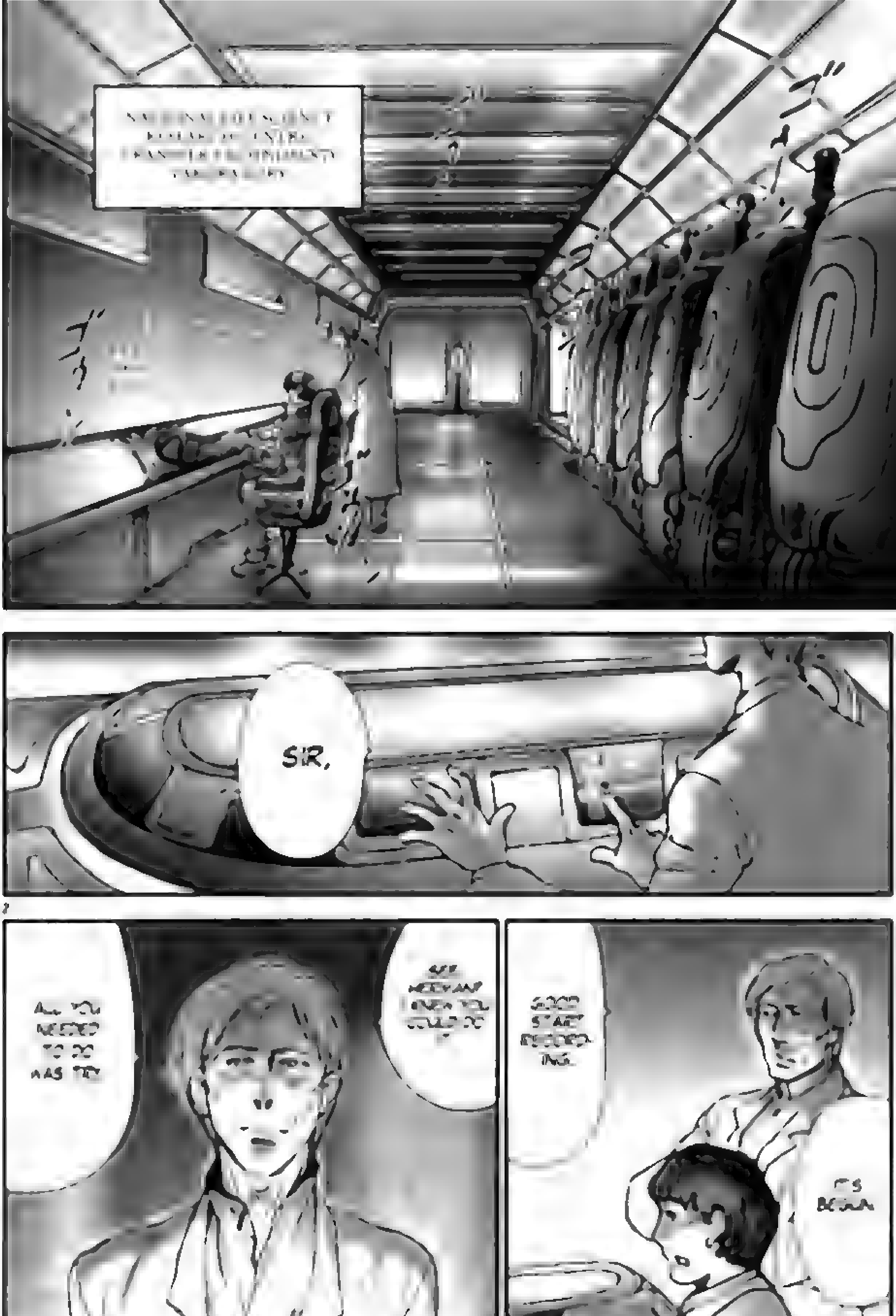
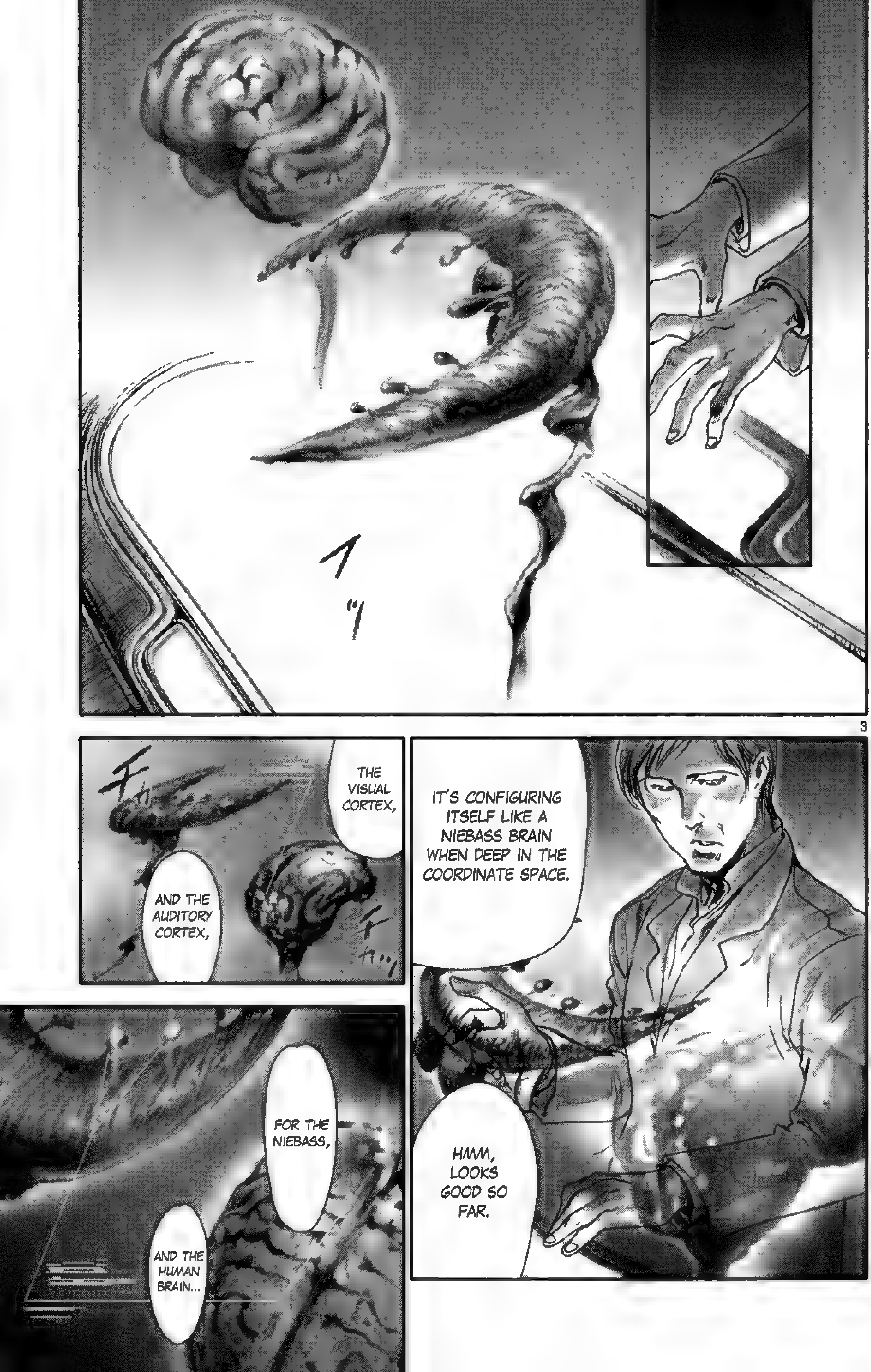

SIR.
IT'S BEGUN.
GOOD. START RECORD-ING.
MR. MERYAN? I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT.
ALL YOU NEEDED TO DO WAS TRY.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IT'S CONFIGURING ITSELF LIKE A NIEBASS BRAIN WHEN DEEP IN THE COORDINATE SPACE.
HMM, LOOKS GOOD SO FAR.
THE VISUAL CORTEX,
AND THE AUDITORY CORTEX,
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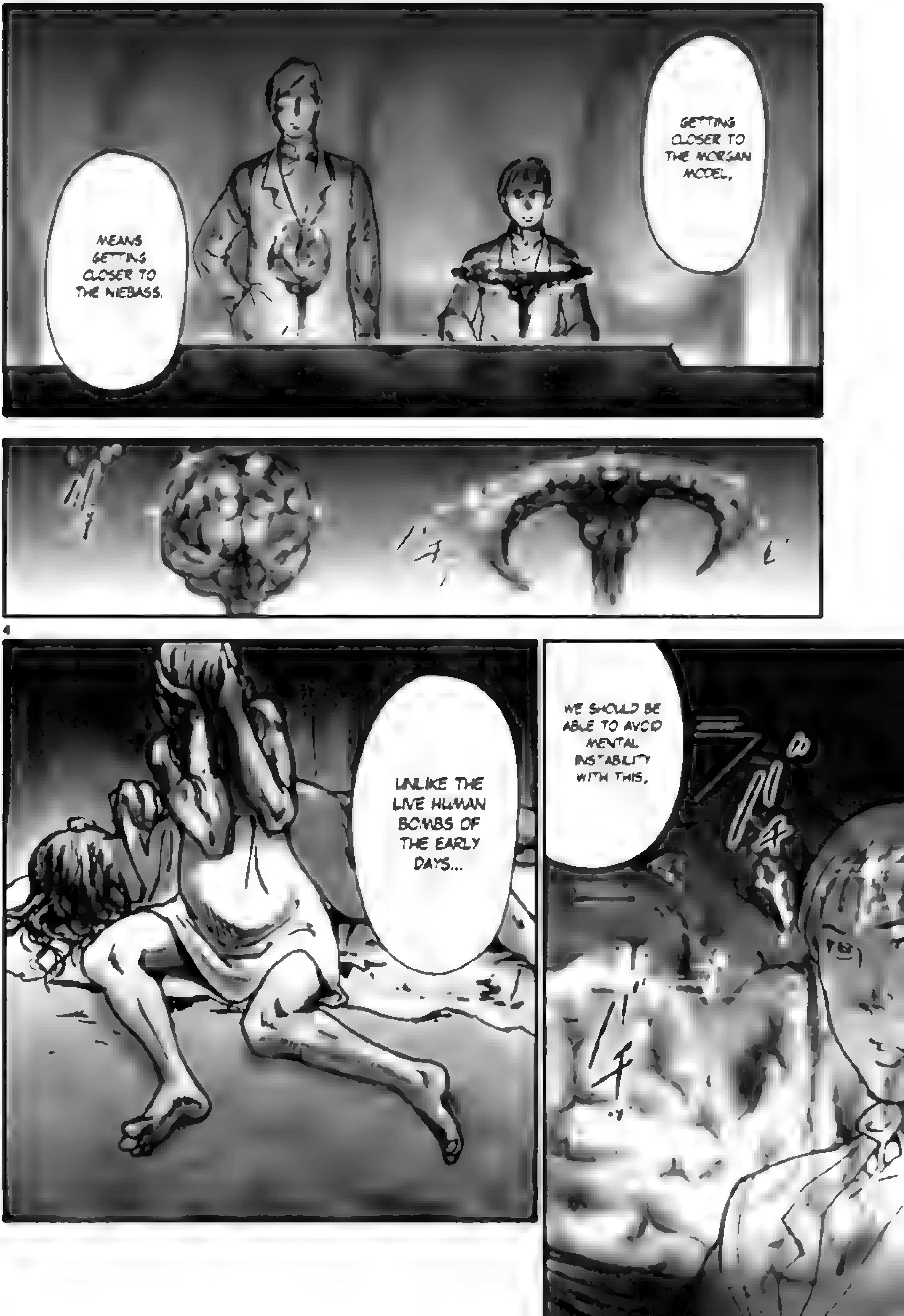
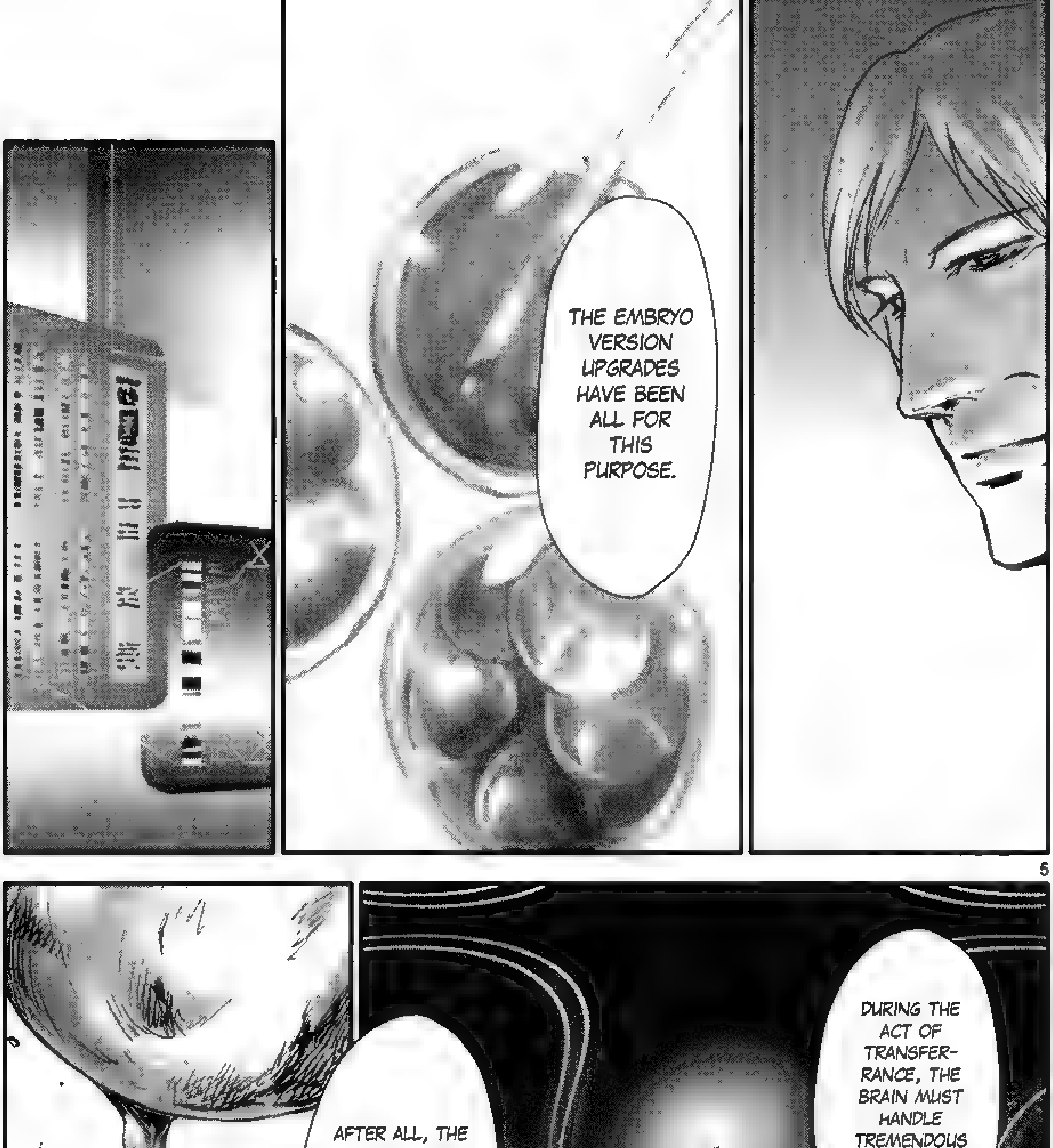
FOR THE NIEBASS,
AND THE HUMAN BRAIN...


GETTING CLOSER TO THE MORGAN MODEL,
MEANS GETTING CLOSER TO THE NIEBASS.
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AVOID MENTAL INSTABILITY WITH THIS,
UNLIKE THE LIVE HUMAN BOMBS OF THE EARLY DAYS...


THE EMBRYO VERSION UPGRADES HAVE BEEN ALL FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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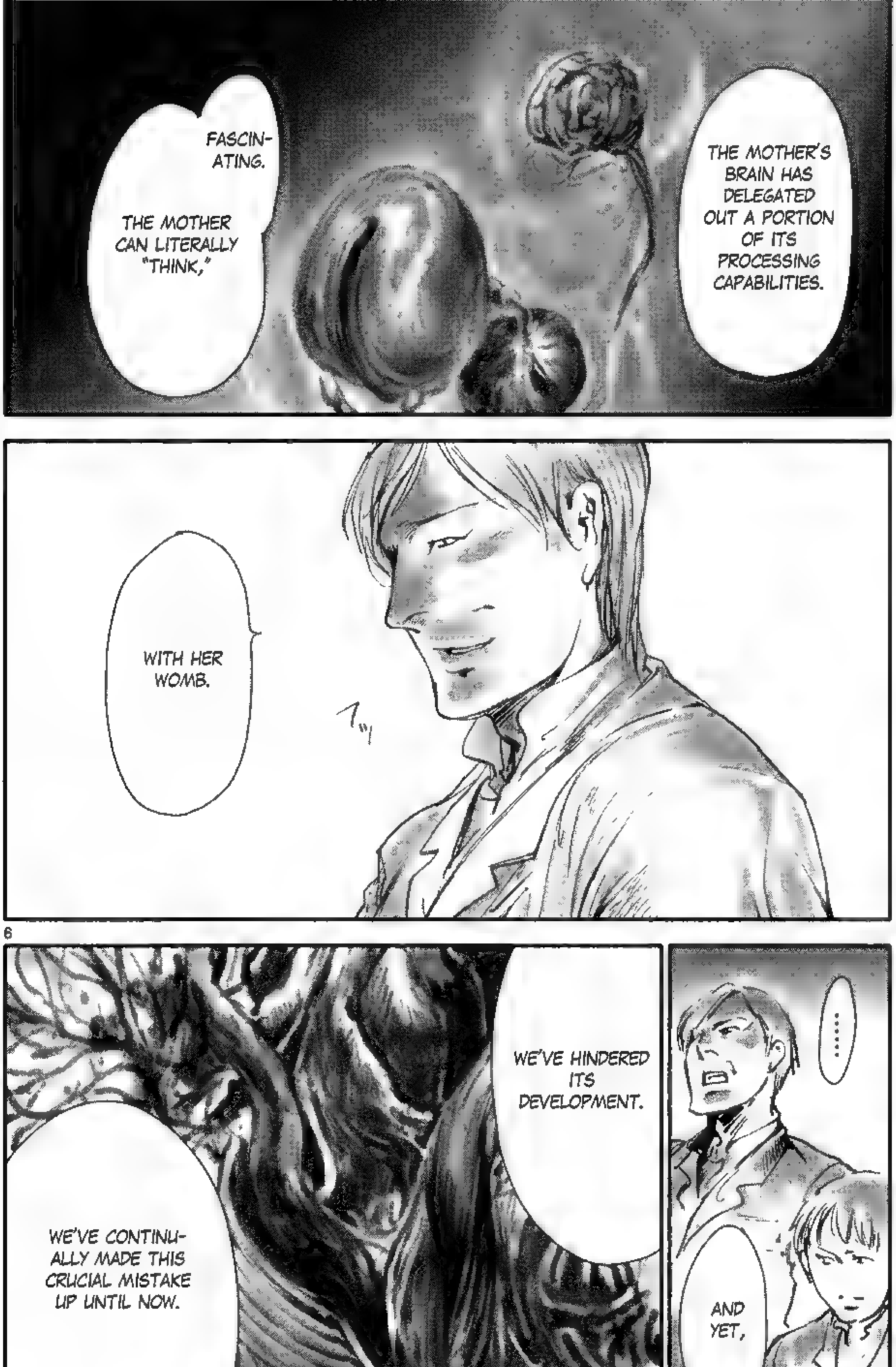
DURING THE ACT OF TRANSFERRANCE, THE BRAIN MUST HANDLE TREMENDOUS AMOUNTS OF DATA.
AFTER ALL, THE COORDINATE SPACE COVERING THE ENTIRE PLANET MUST BE SEARCHED THROUGH IN AN SINGLE INSTANT.
TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM,


THE MOTHER'S BRAIN HAS DELEGATED OUT A PORTION OF ITS PROCESSING CAPABILITIES.
FASCINATING.
THE MOTHER CAN LITERALLY "THINK,"
WITH HER WOMB.
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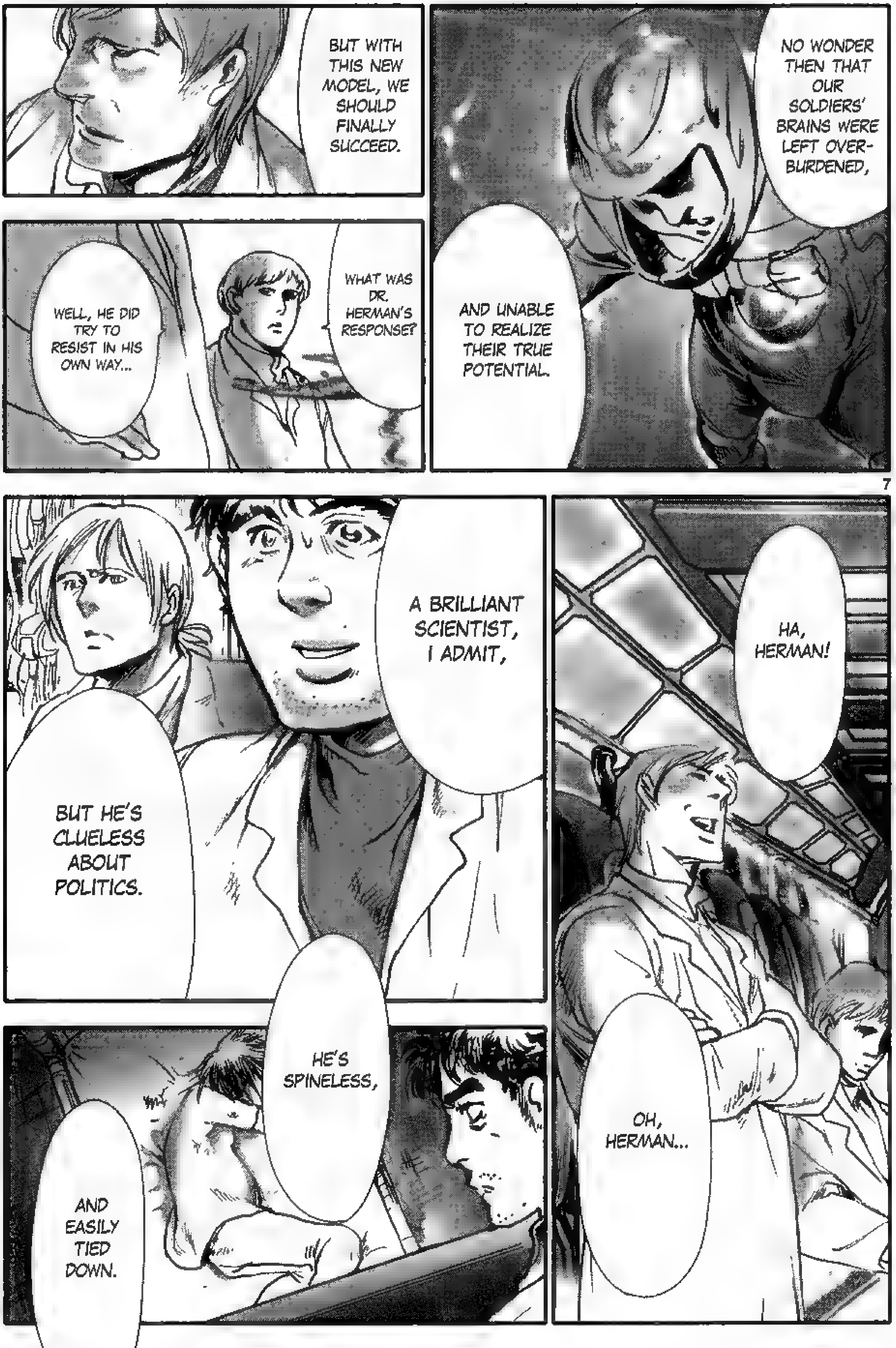
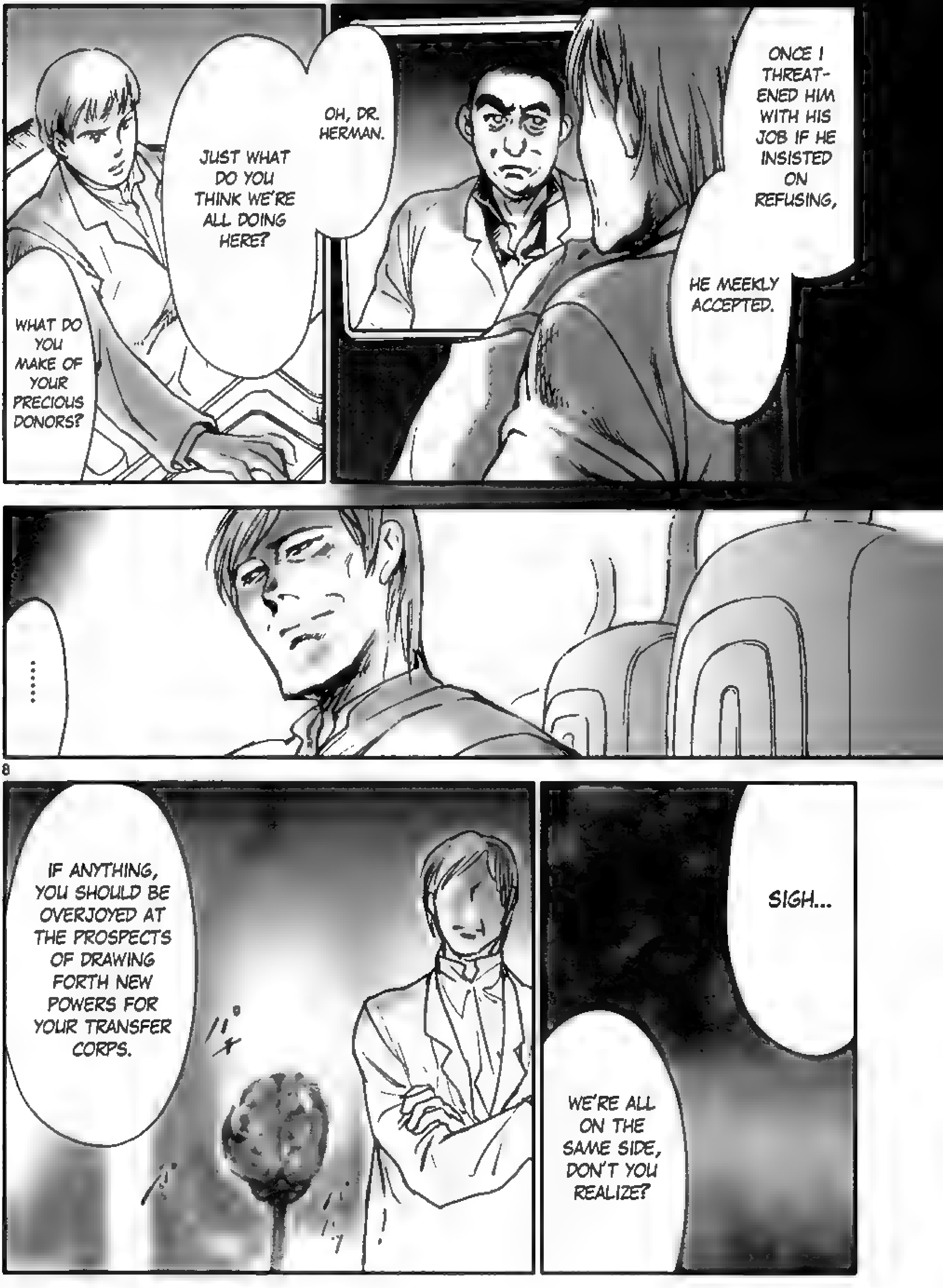
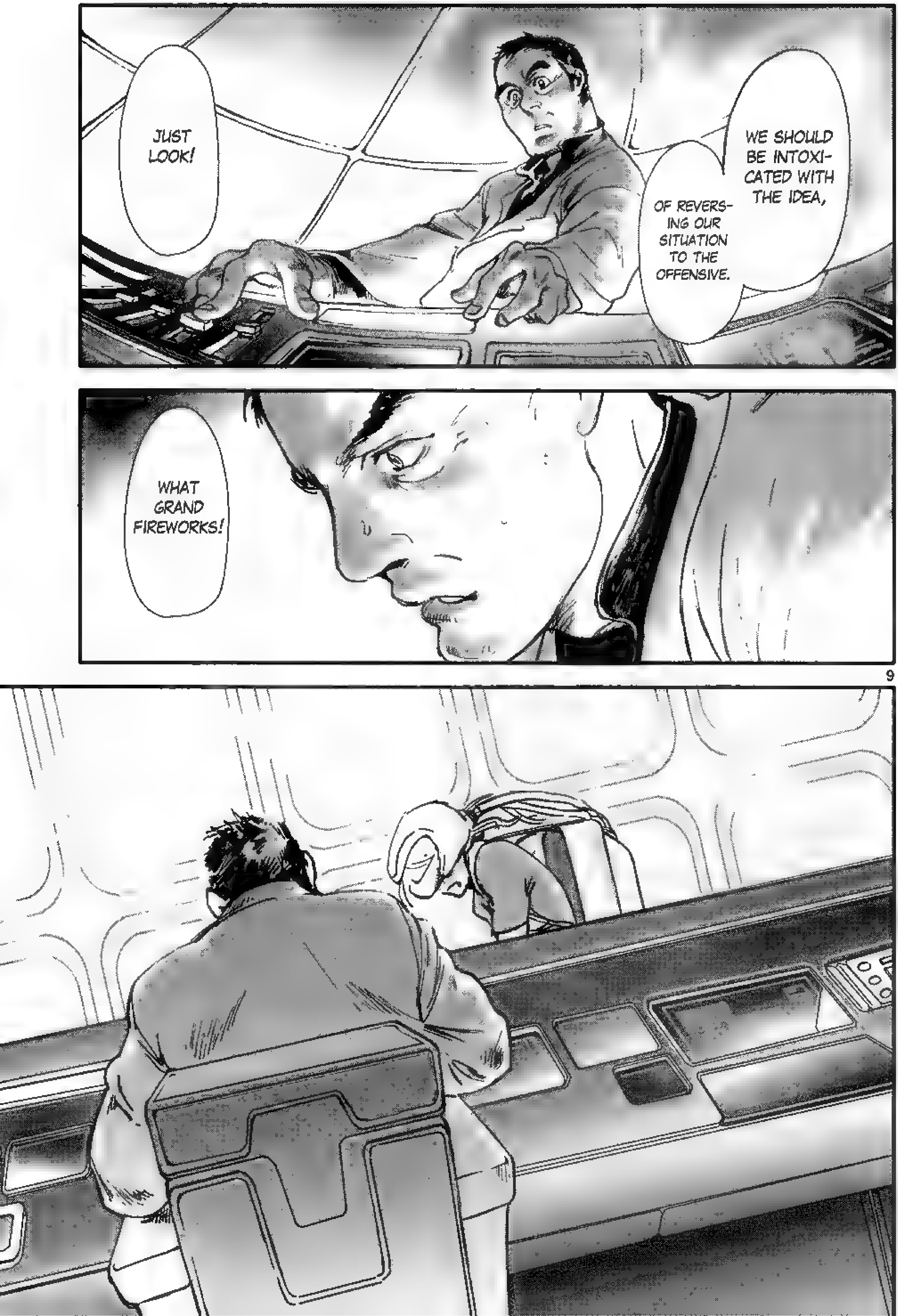
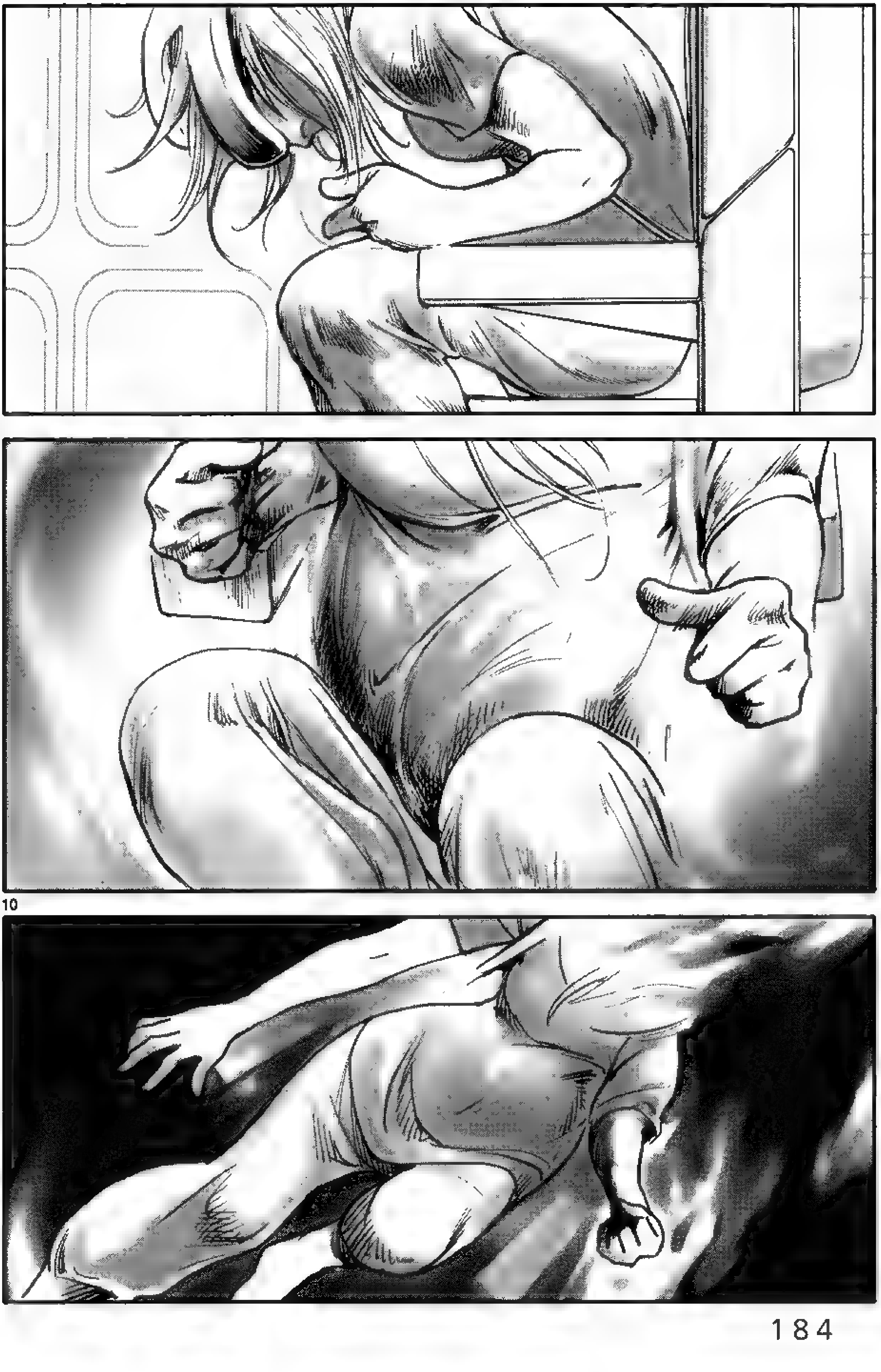
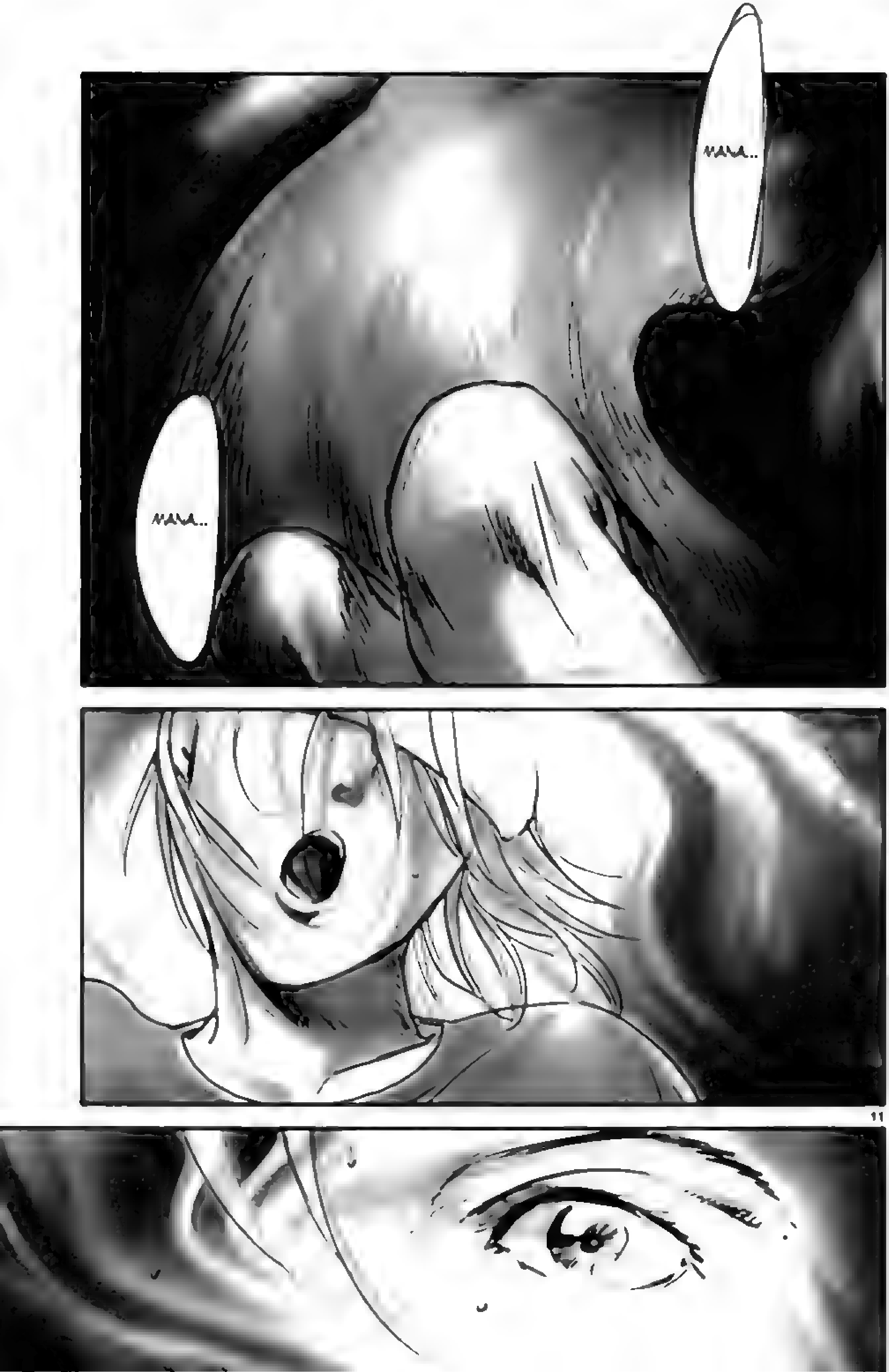
AND YET,
WE'VE HINDERED ITS DEVELOPMENT.
WE'VE CONTINUALLY MADE THIS CRUCIAL MISTAKE UP UNTIL NOW.


NO WONDER THEN THAT OUR SOLDIERS' BRAINS WERE LEFT OVER-BURDENED,
AND UNABLE TO REALIZE THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL.
BUT WITH THIS NEW MODEL, WE SHOULD FINALLY SUCCEED.
WHAT WAS DR. HERMAN'S RESPONSE?
WELL, HE DID TRY TO RESIST IN HIS OWN WAY...
HA, HERMAN!
OH, HERMAN...
A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, I ADMIT,
BUT HE'S CLUELESS ABOUT POLITICS.
HE'S SPINELESS,
AND EASILY TIED DOWN.


ONCE I THREATENED HIM WITH HIS JOB IF HE INSISTED ON REFUSING,
HE MEEKLY ACCEPTED.
OH, DR. HERMAN.
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'RE ALL DOING HERE?
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF YOUR PRECIOUS DONORS?
……
SIGH...
WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE, DON'T YOU REALIZE?
IF ANYTHING, YOU SHOULD BE OVERJOYED AT THE PROSPECTS OF DRAWING FORTH NEW POWERS FOR YOUR TRANSFER CORPS.


WE SHOULD BE INTOXICATED WITH THE IDEA,
OF REVERSING OUR SITUATION TO THE OFFENSIVE.
JUST LOOK!
WHAT GRAND FIREWORKS!

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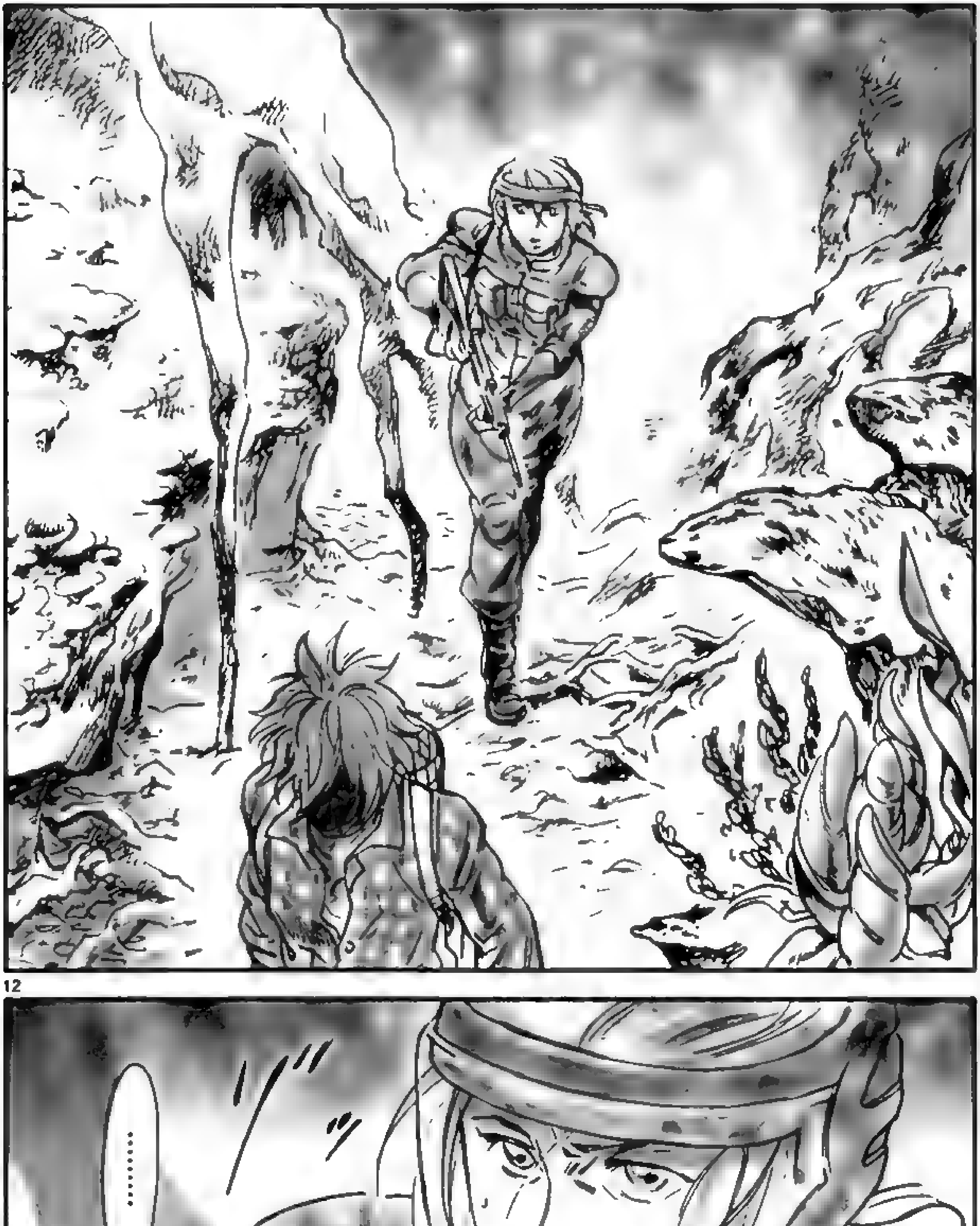

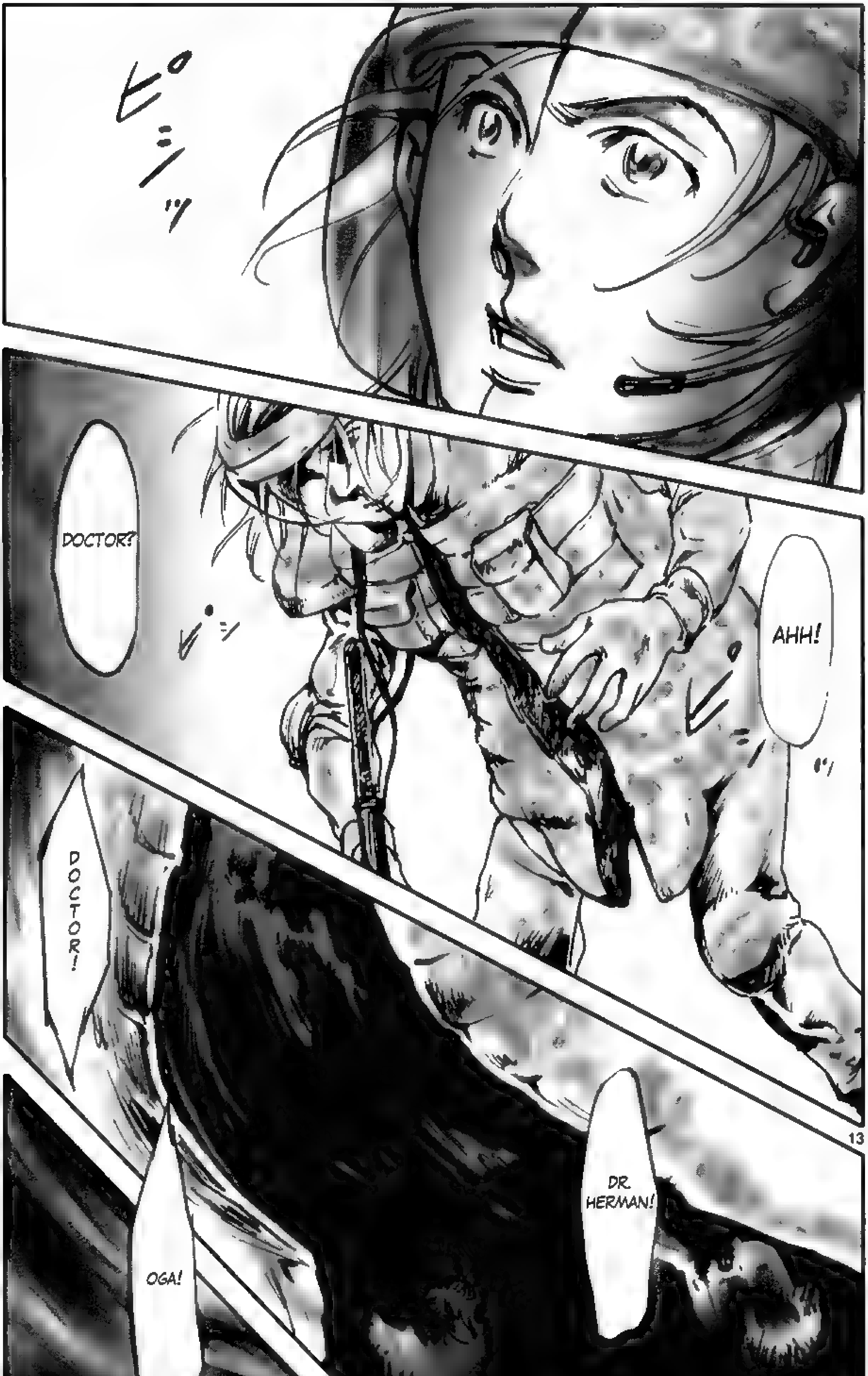
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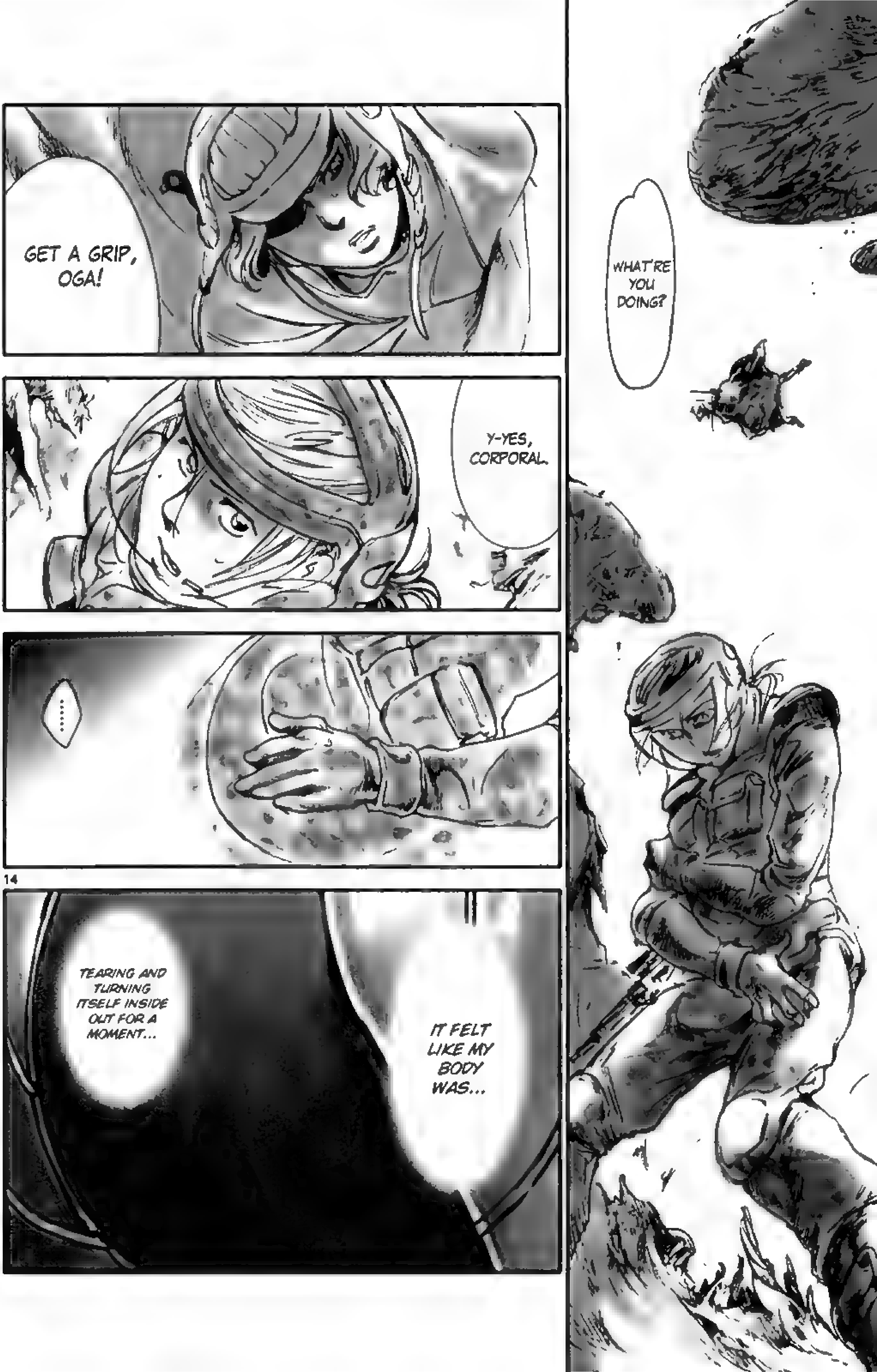
DOCTOR?
AHH!
DOCTOR!
DR. HERMAN!
OGA!


WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
GET A GRIP, OGA!
Y-YES, CORPORAL.
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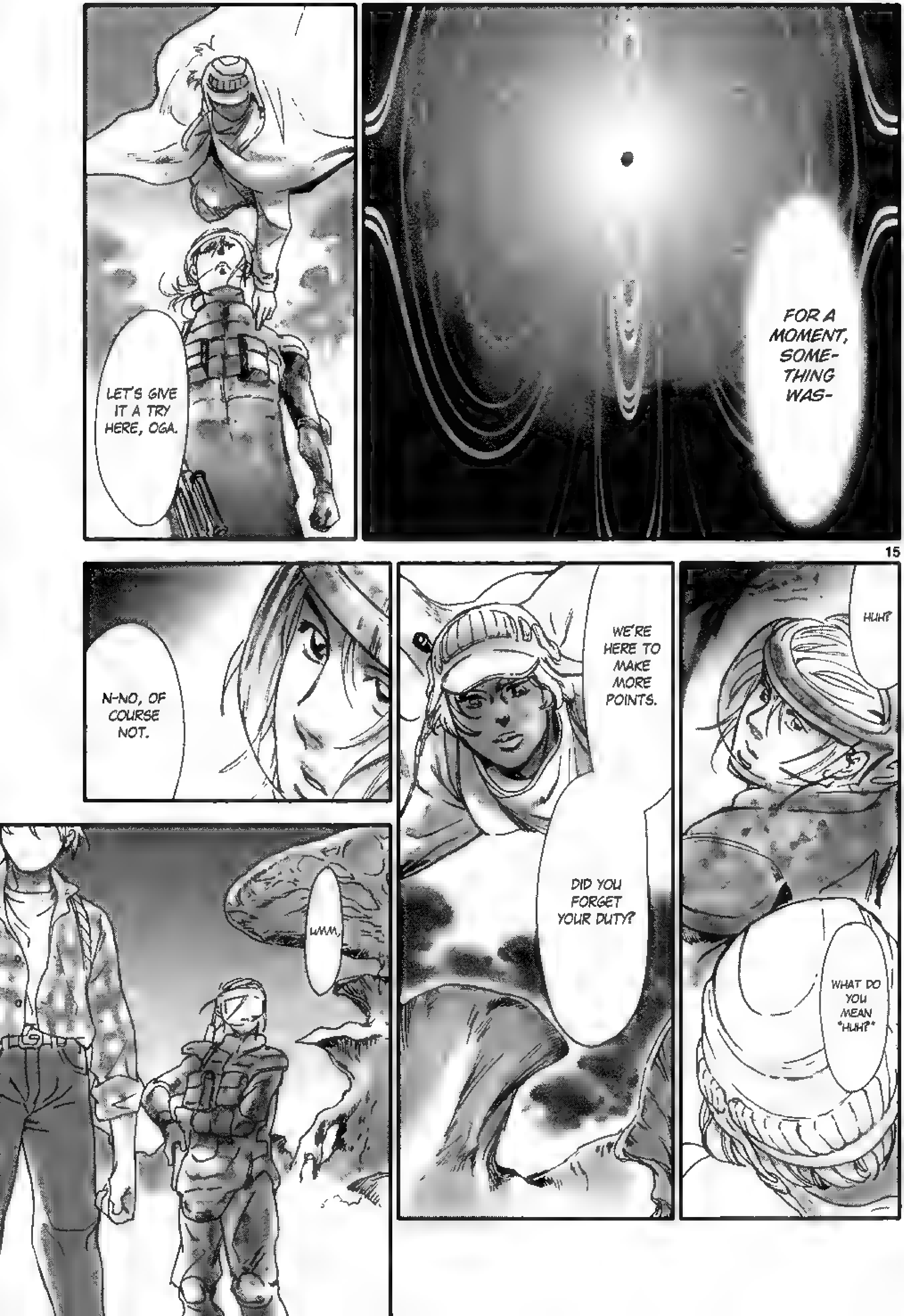
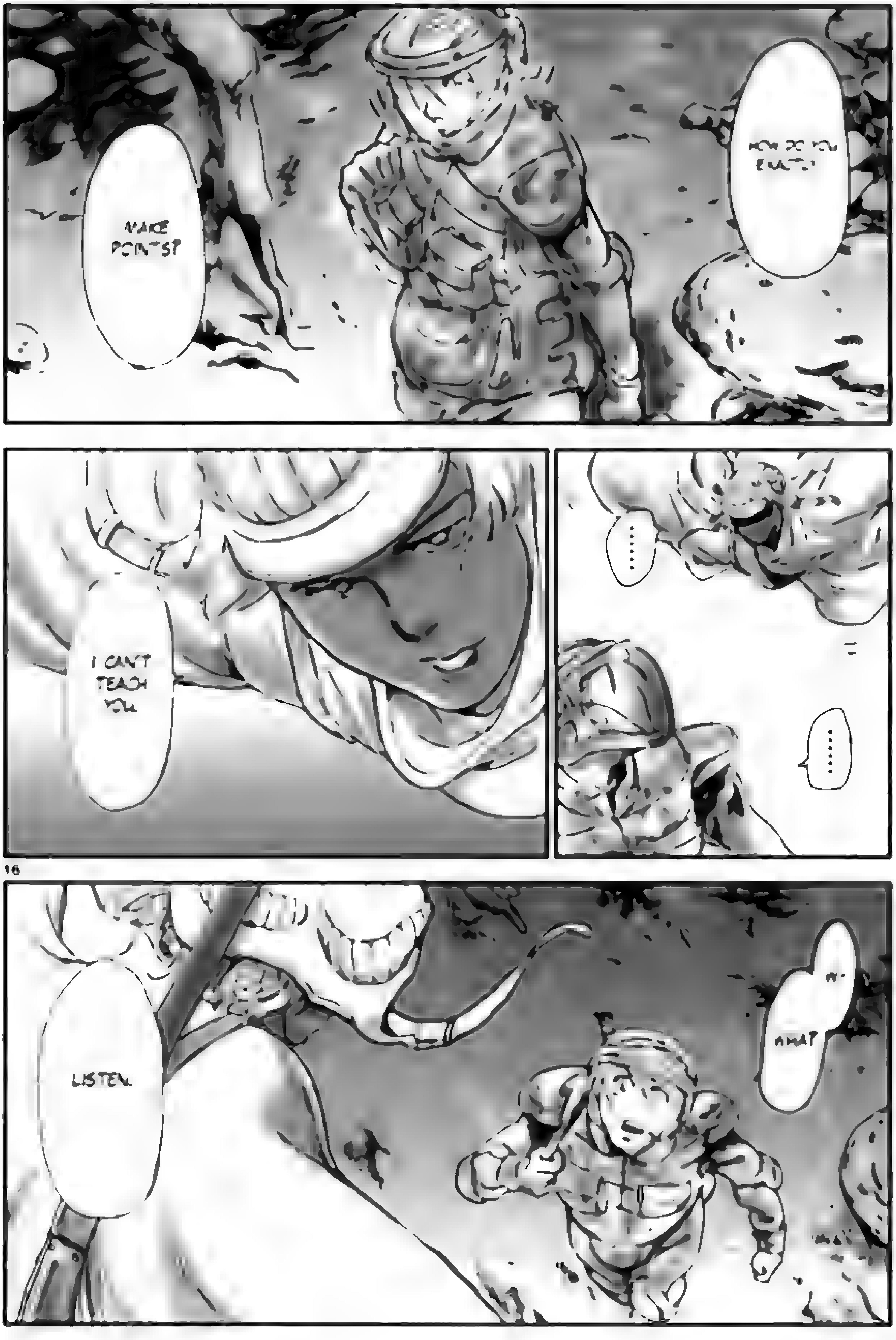
IT FELT LIKE MY BODY WAS...
TEARING AND TURNING ITSELF INSIDE OUT FOR A MOMENT...


FOR A MOMENT, SOMETHING WAS-
LET'S GIVE IT A TRY HERE, OGA.
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "HUH?"
WE'RE HERE TO MAKE MORE POINTS.
DID YOU FORGET YOUR DUTY?
N-NO, OF COURSE NOT.
UMM,


HOW DO YOU EXACTLY
MAKE POINTS?
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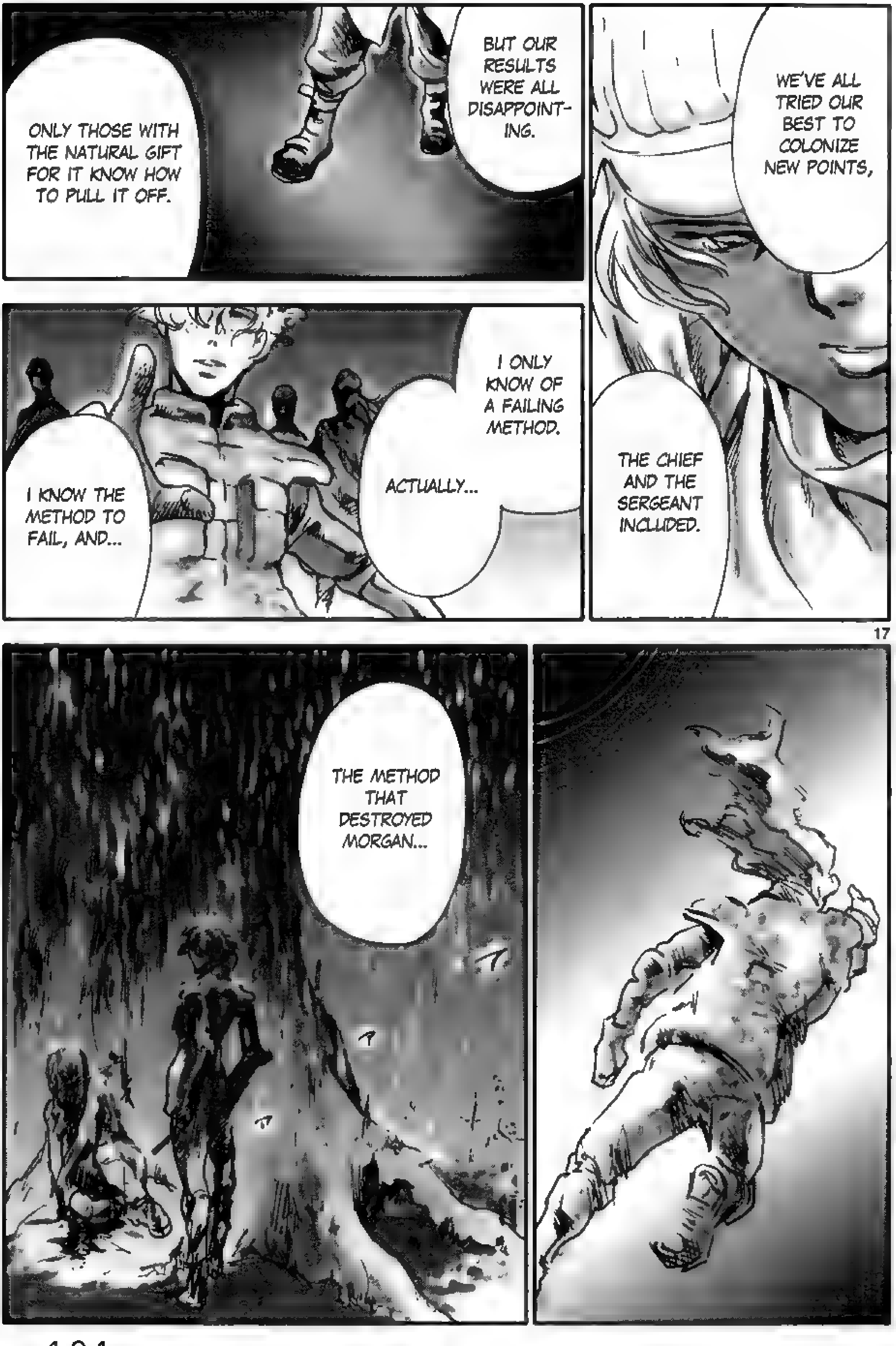
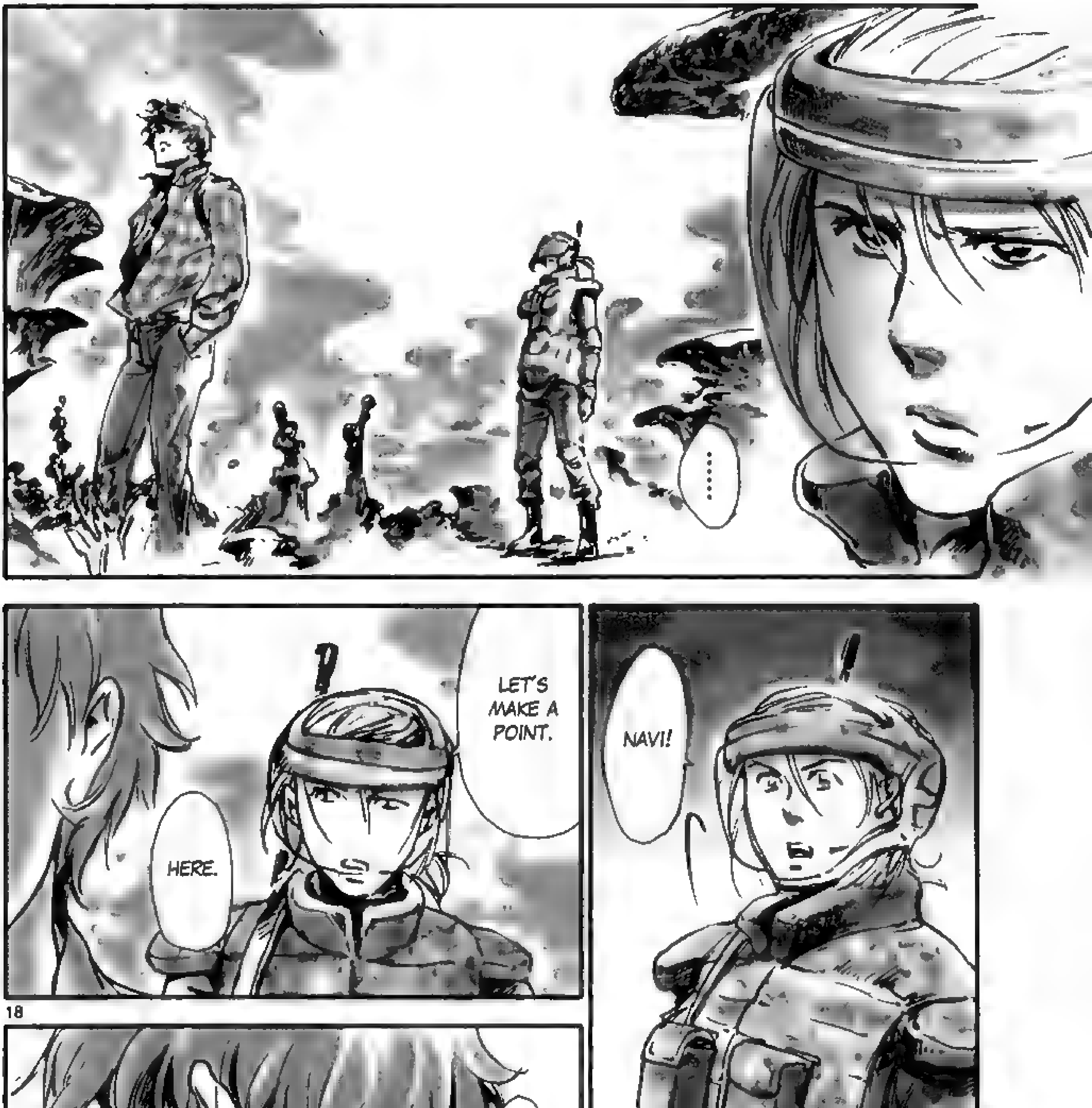
I CAN'T TEACH YOU.
W- WHAT?
LISTEN.


WE'VE ALL TRIED OUR BEST TO COLONIZE NEW POINTS,
THE CHIEF AND THE SERGEANT INCLUDED.
BUT OUR RESULTS WERE ALL DISAPPOINTING.
ONLY THOSE WITH THE NATURAL GIFT FOR IT KNOW HOW TO PULL IT OFF.
I ONLY KNOW OF A FAILING METHOD.
ACTUALLY...
I KNOW THE METHOD TO FAIL, AND...
THE METHOD THAT DESTROYED MORGAN...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NAVI!
LET'S MAKE A POINT.
HERE.
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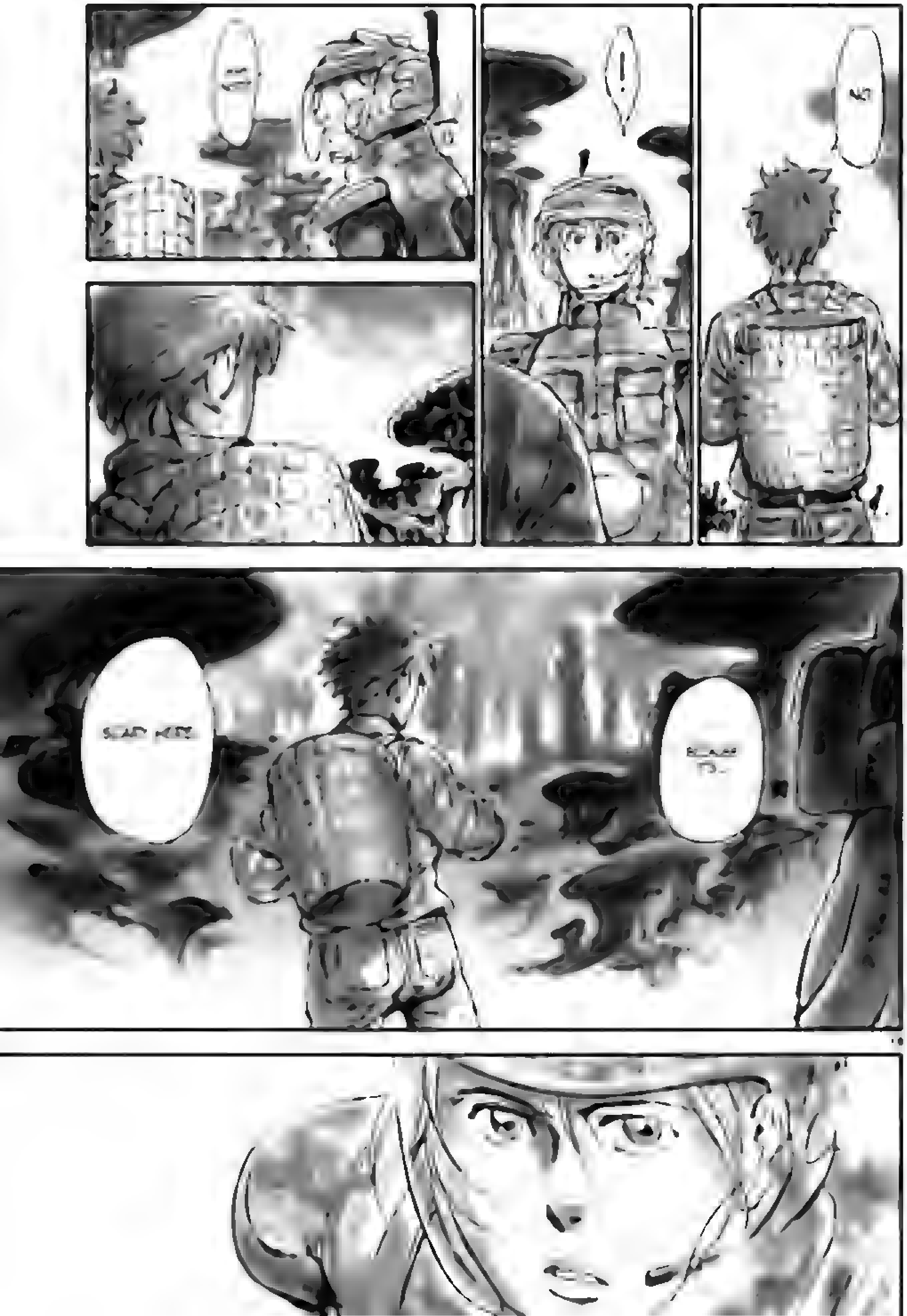
HERE?


NO?
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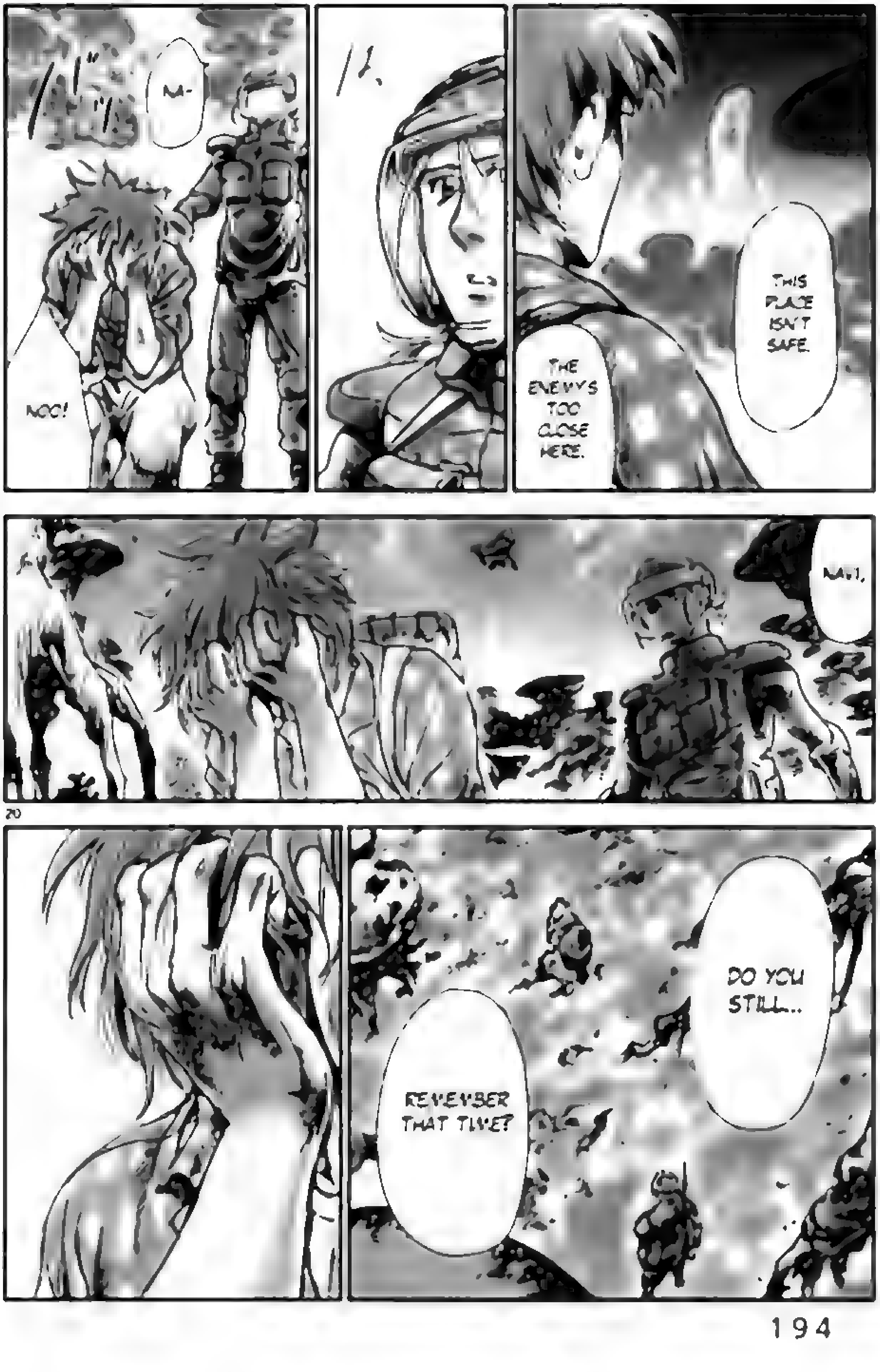
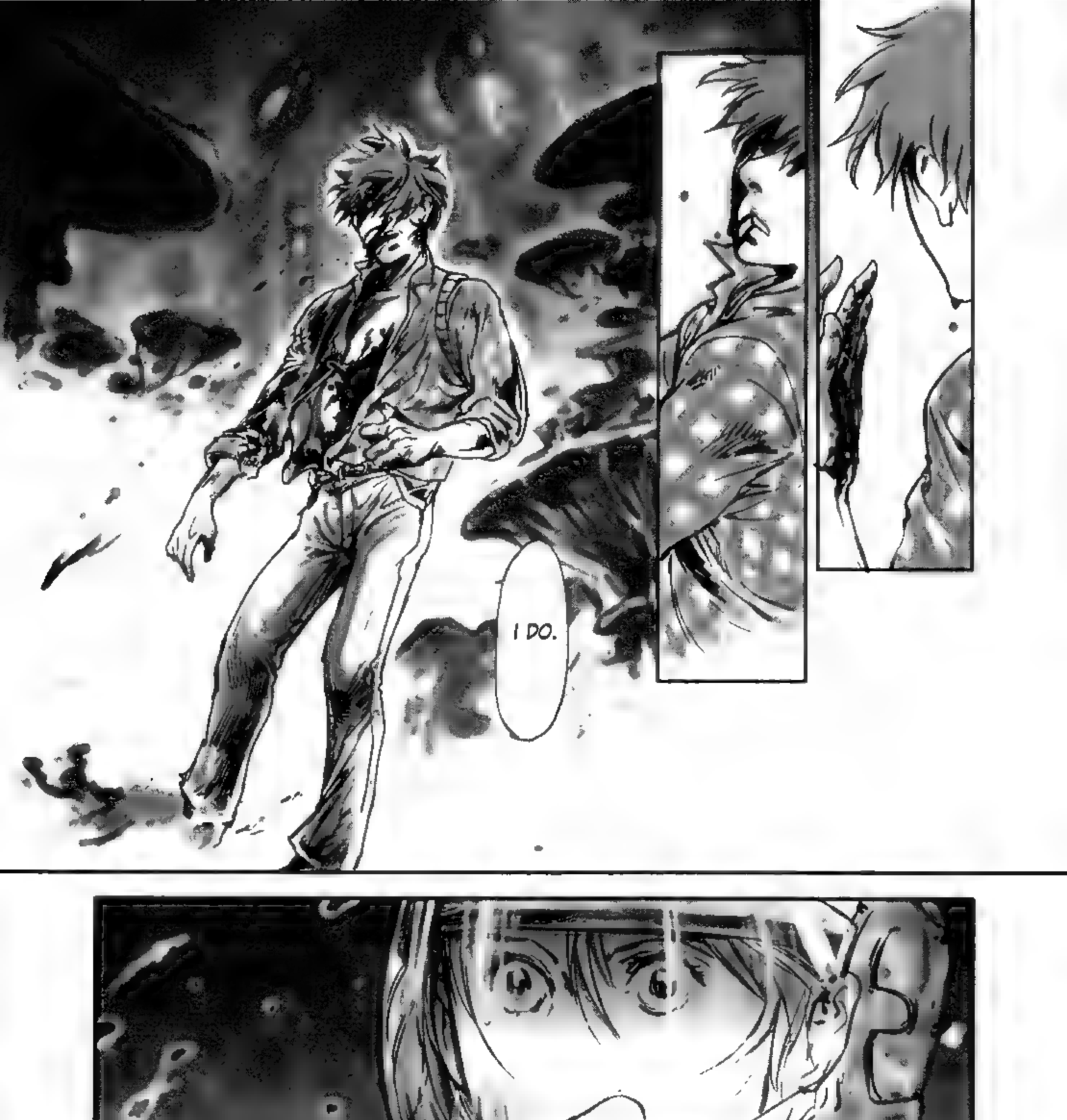
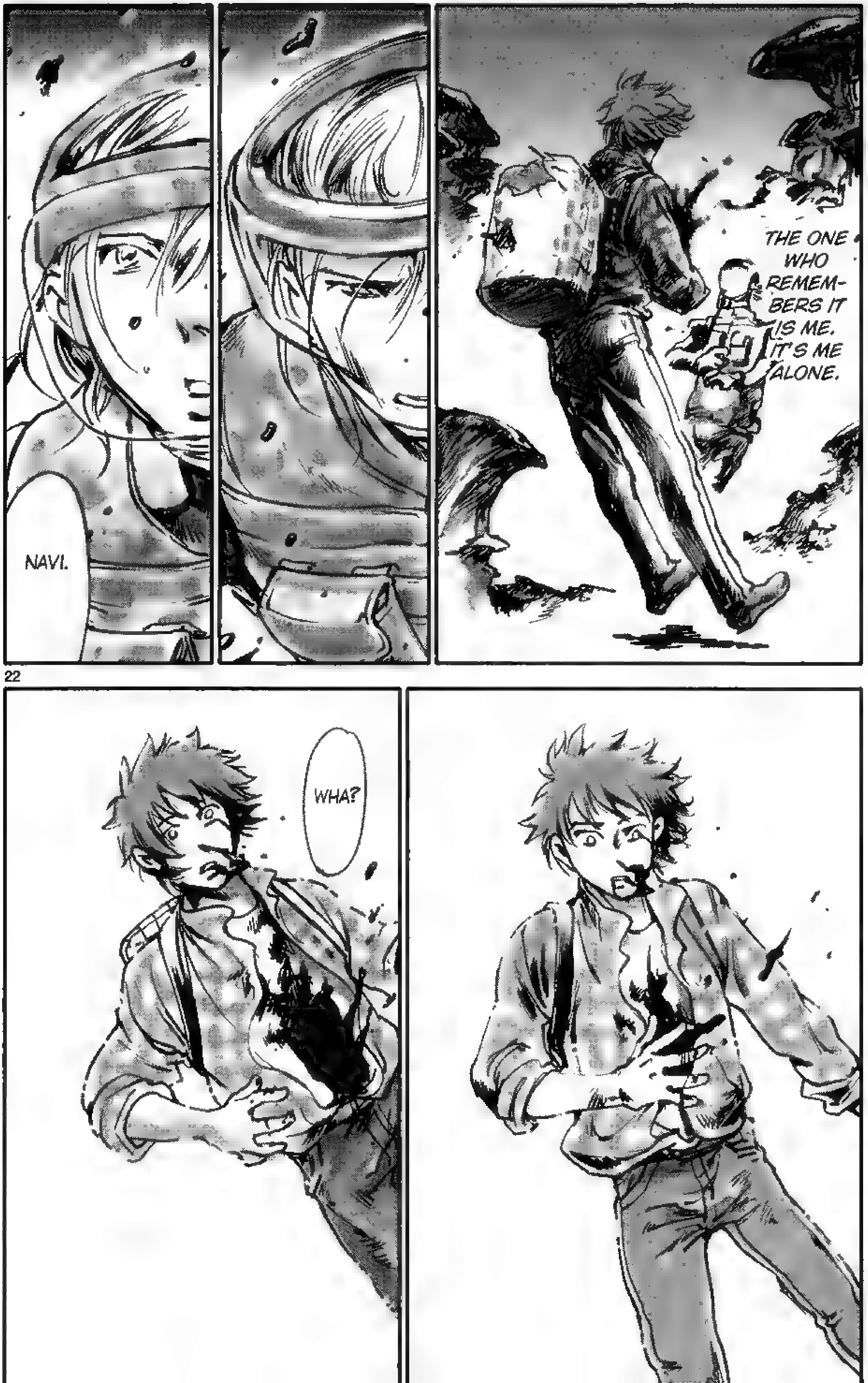
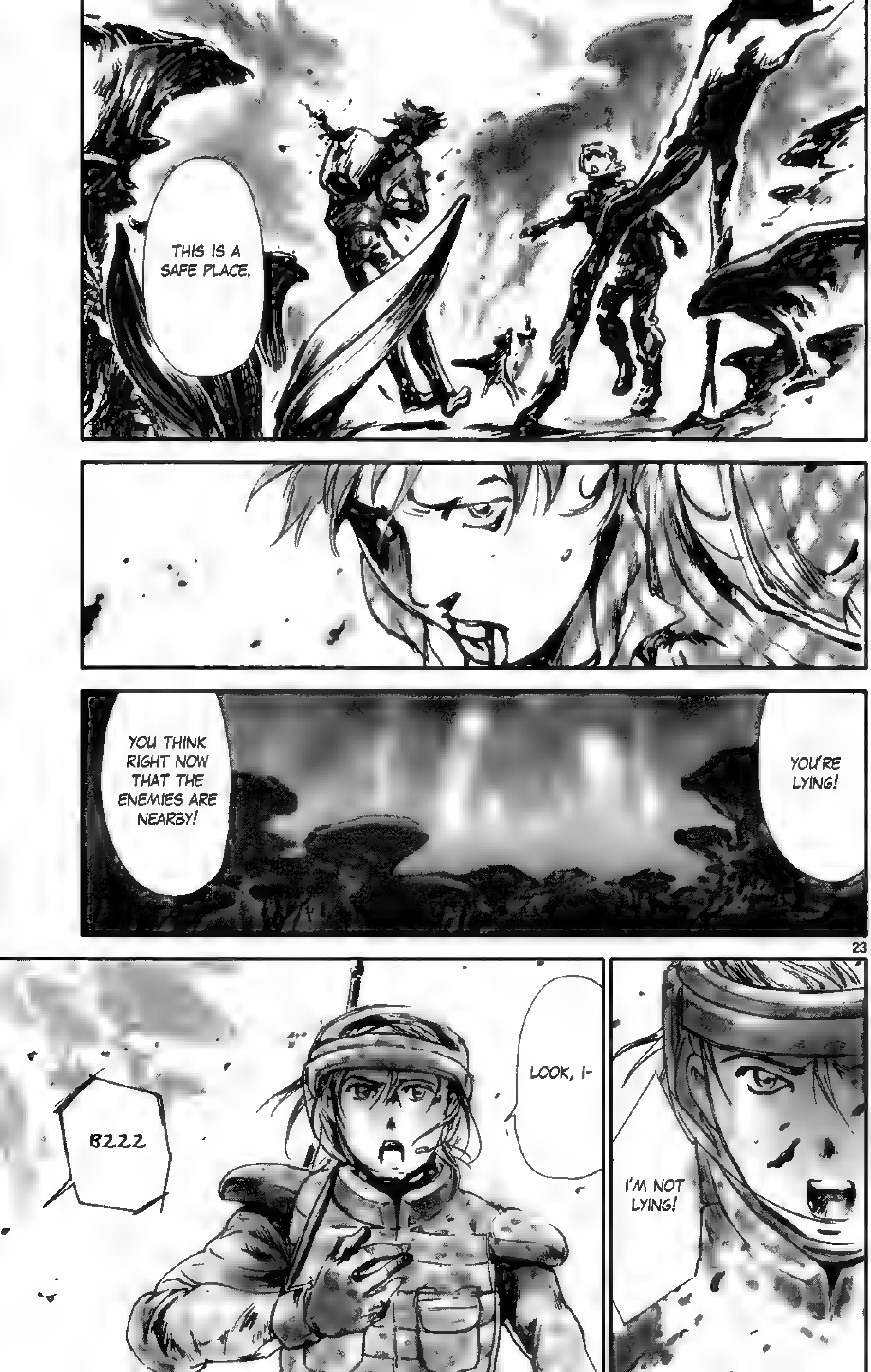
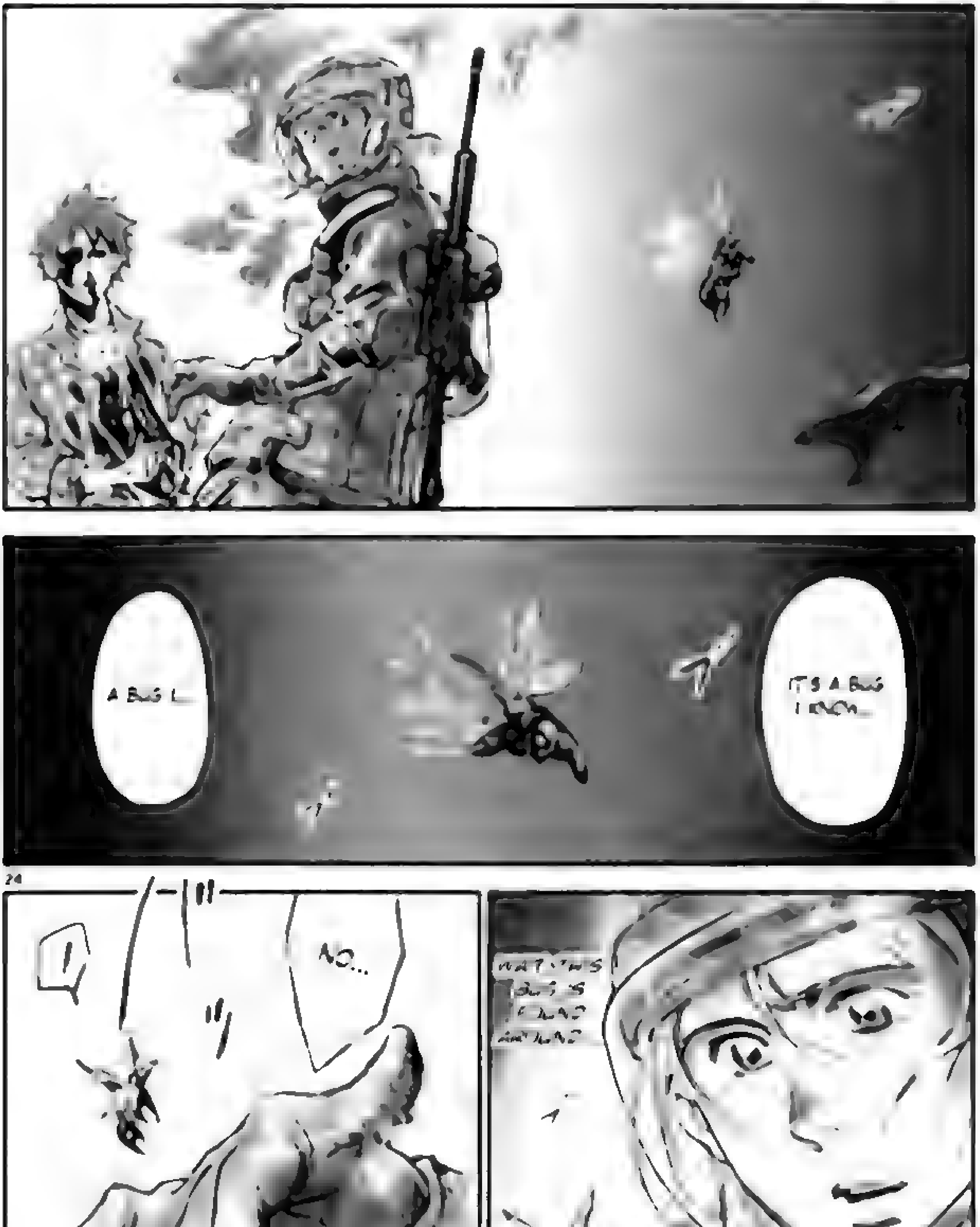
BECAUSE IT'S...
STAY HERE.


THIS PLACE ISN'T SAFE.
THE ENEMY'S TOO CLOSE HERE.
N-
NOO!
NAVI.
DO YOU STILL...
REMEMBER THAT TIME?


I DO.
NO!


THE ONE WHO REMEMBERS IT IS ME. IT'S ME ALONE.
NAVI.
WHA?


THIS IS A SAFE PLACE.
YOU'RE LYING!
YOU THINK RIGHT NOW THAT THE ENEMIES ARE NEARBY!
I'M NOT LYING!
LOOK, I-
BZZZ


A BUG I...
IT'S A BUG
I KNOW...
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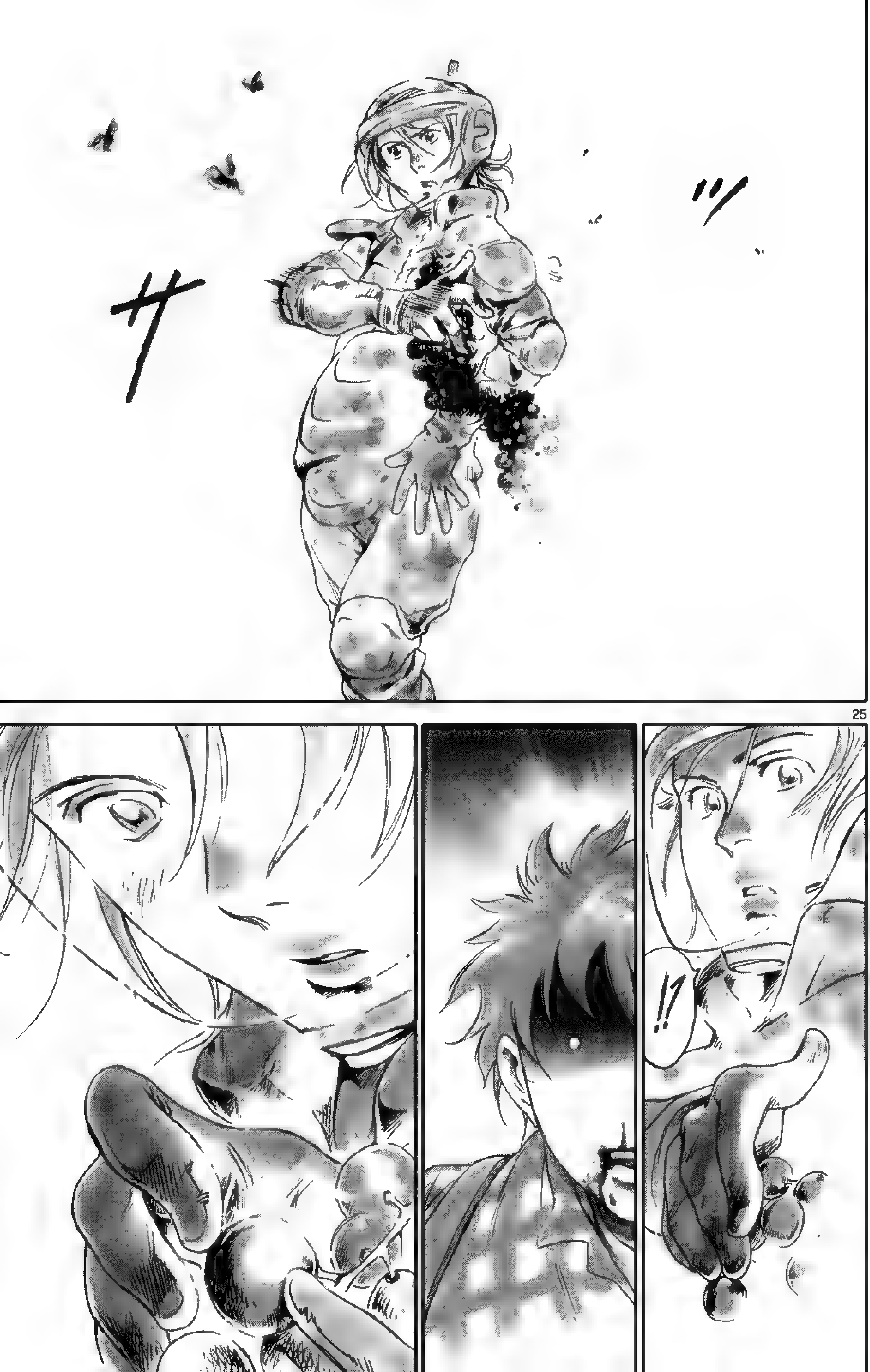
NO...
WAIT, THIS
BUG IS
FLYING
AROUND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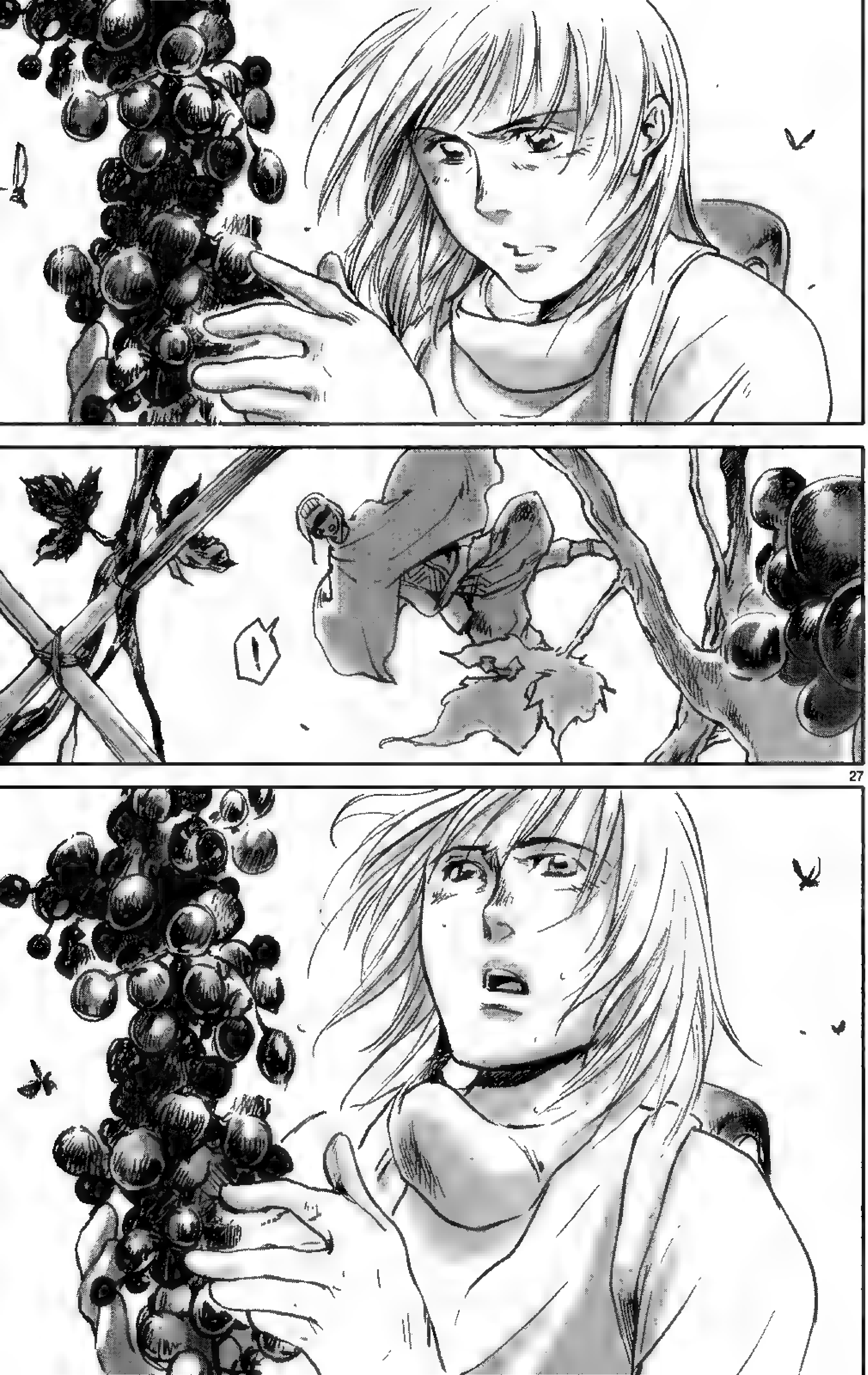

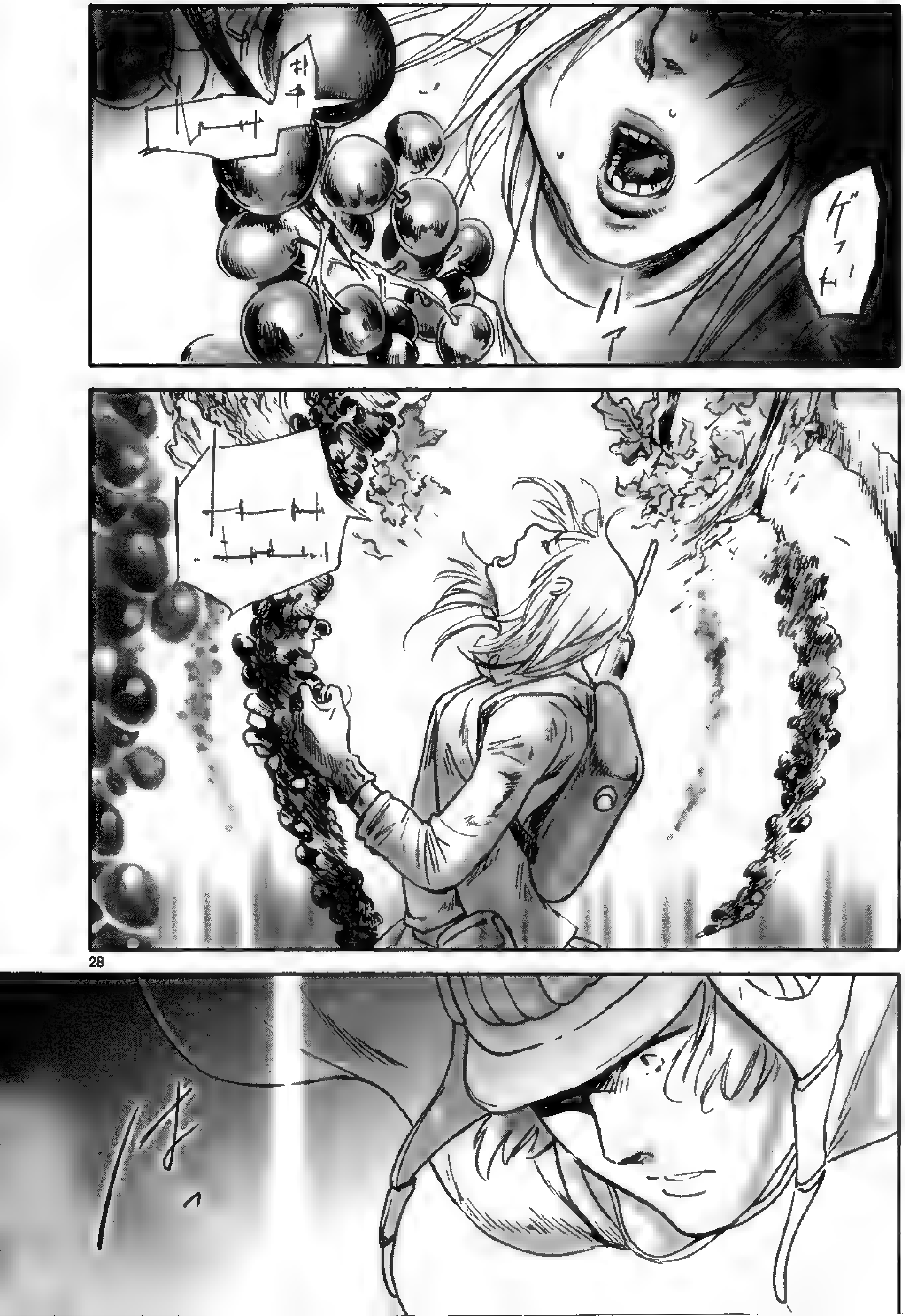
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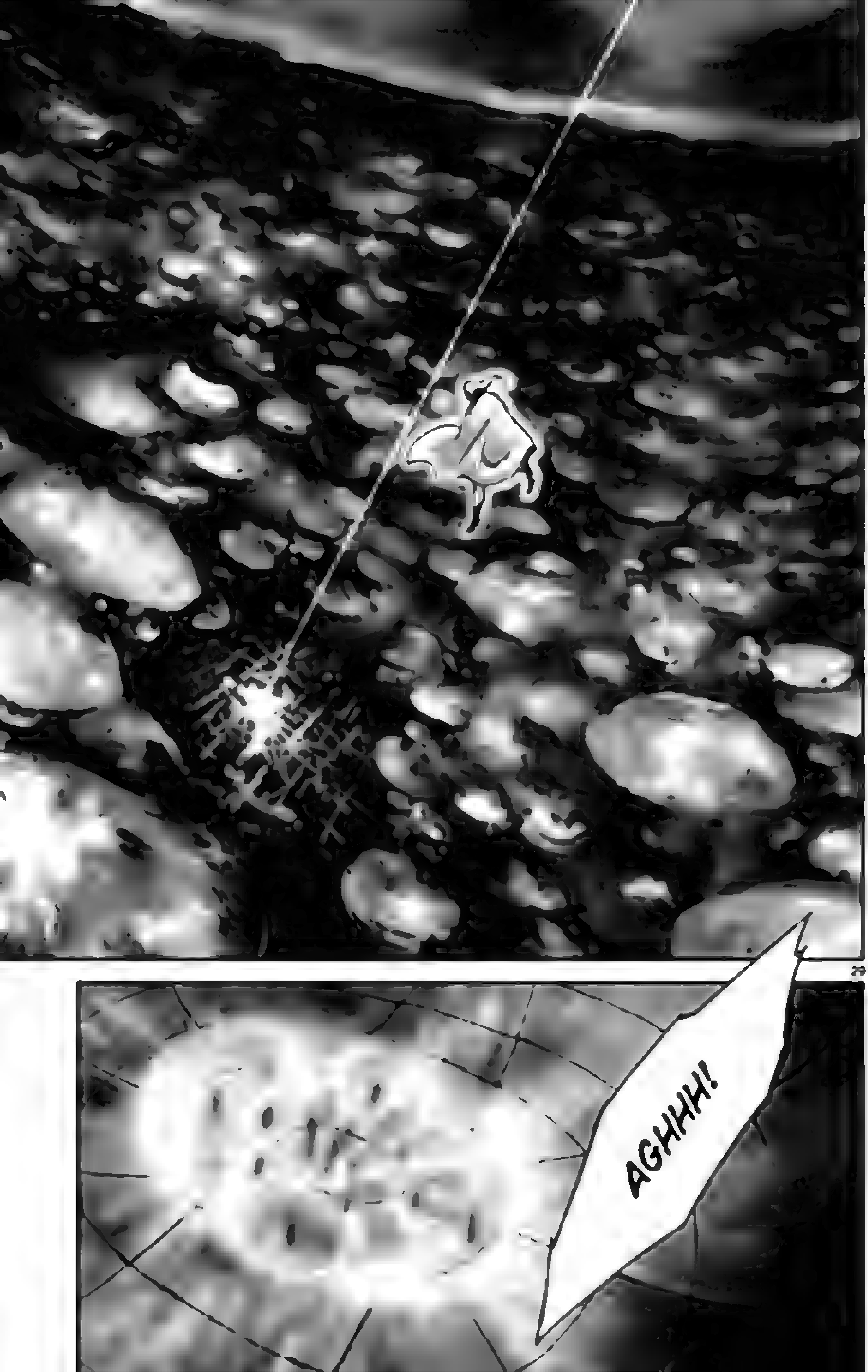
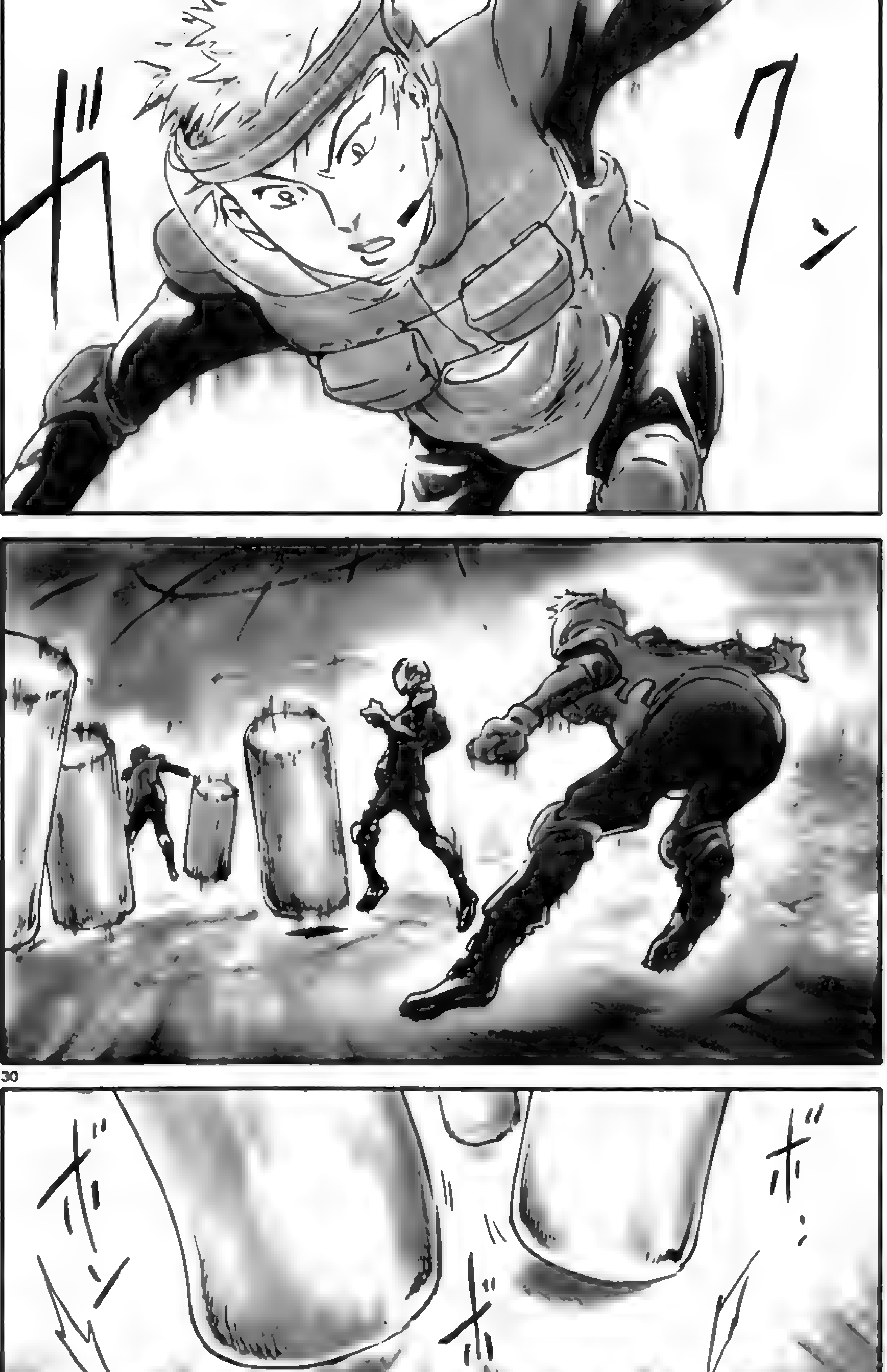

AGHHH!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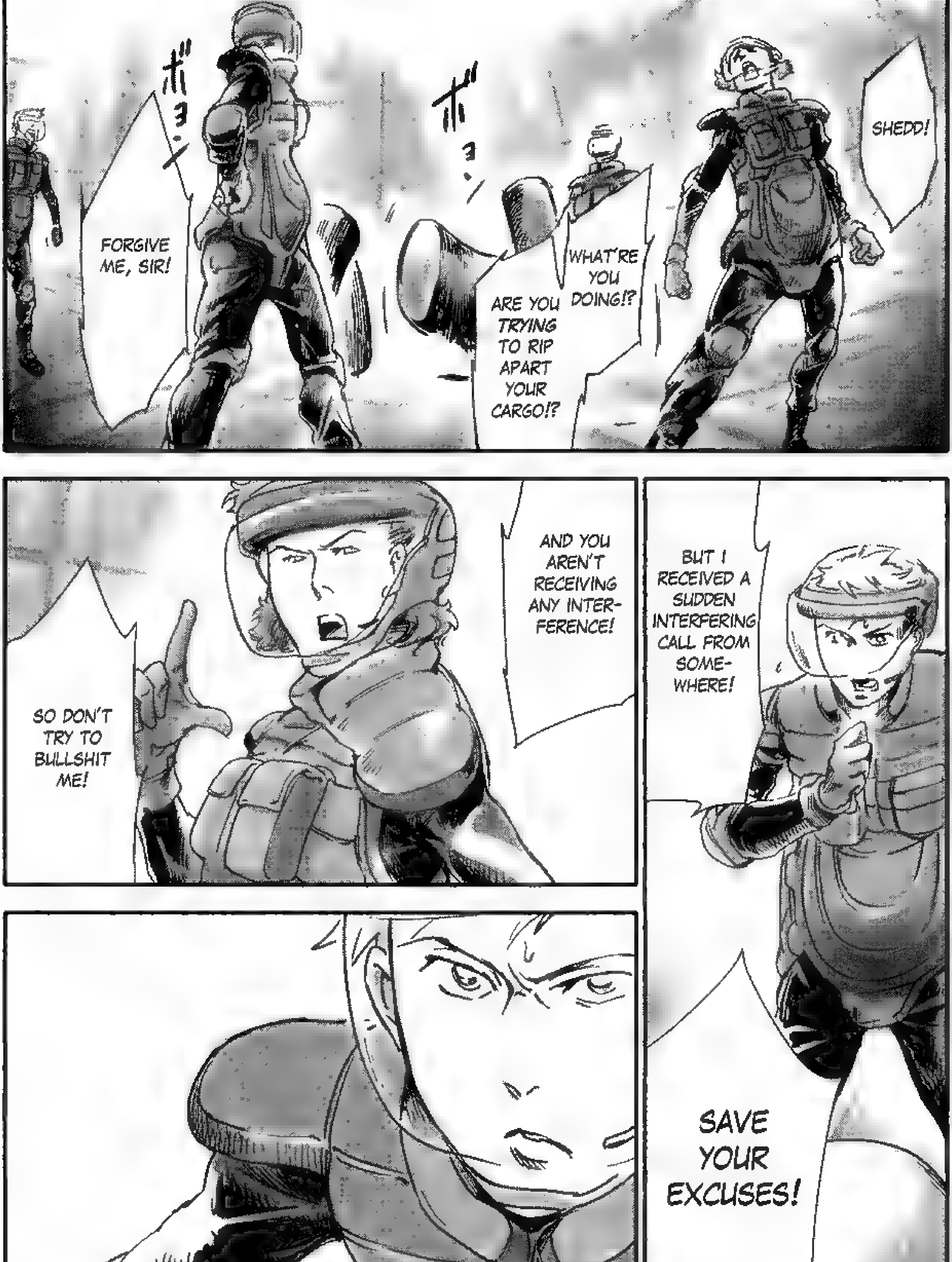
SHEDD!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
ARE YOU TRYING TO RIP APART YOUR CARGO!?
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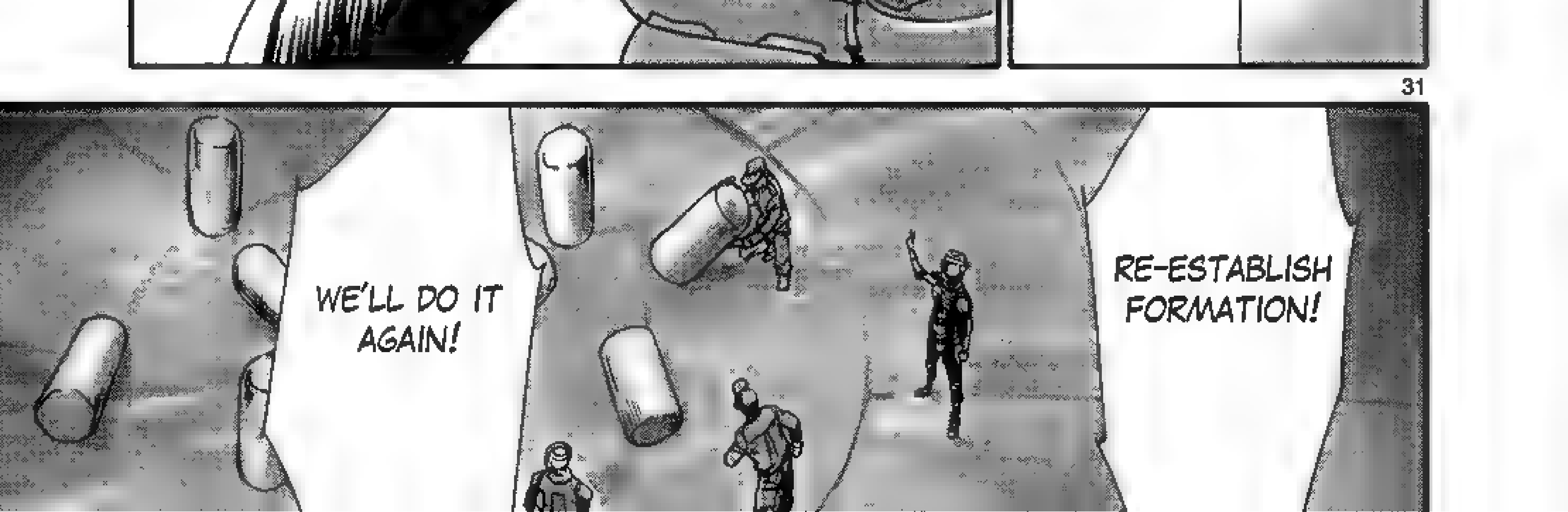
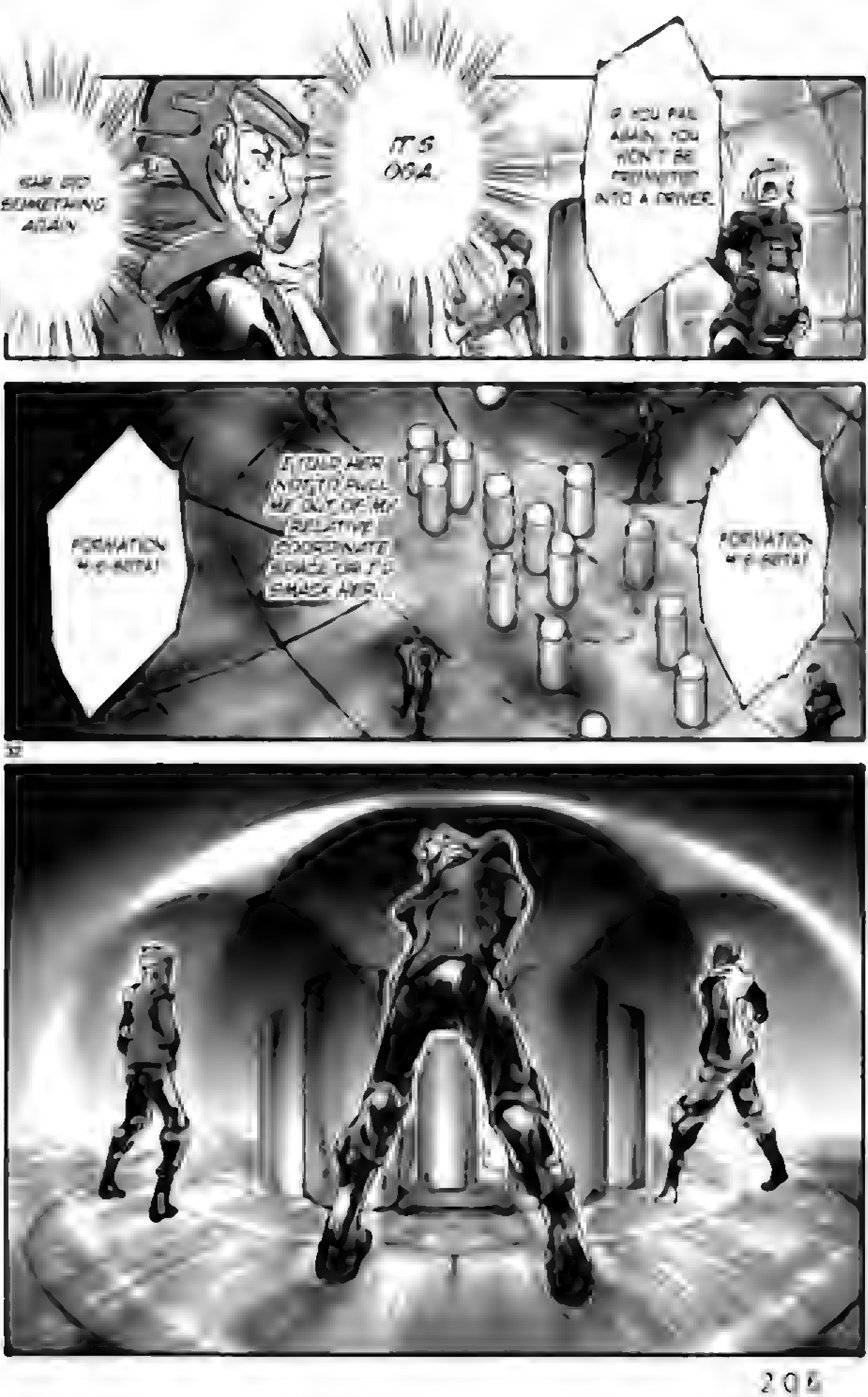
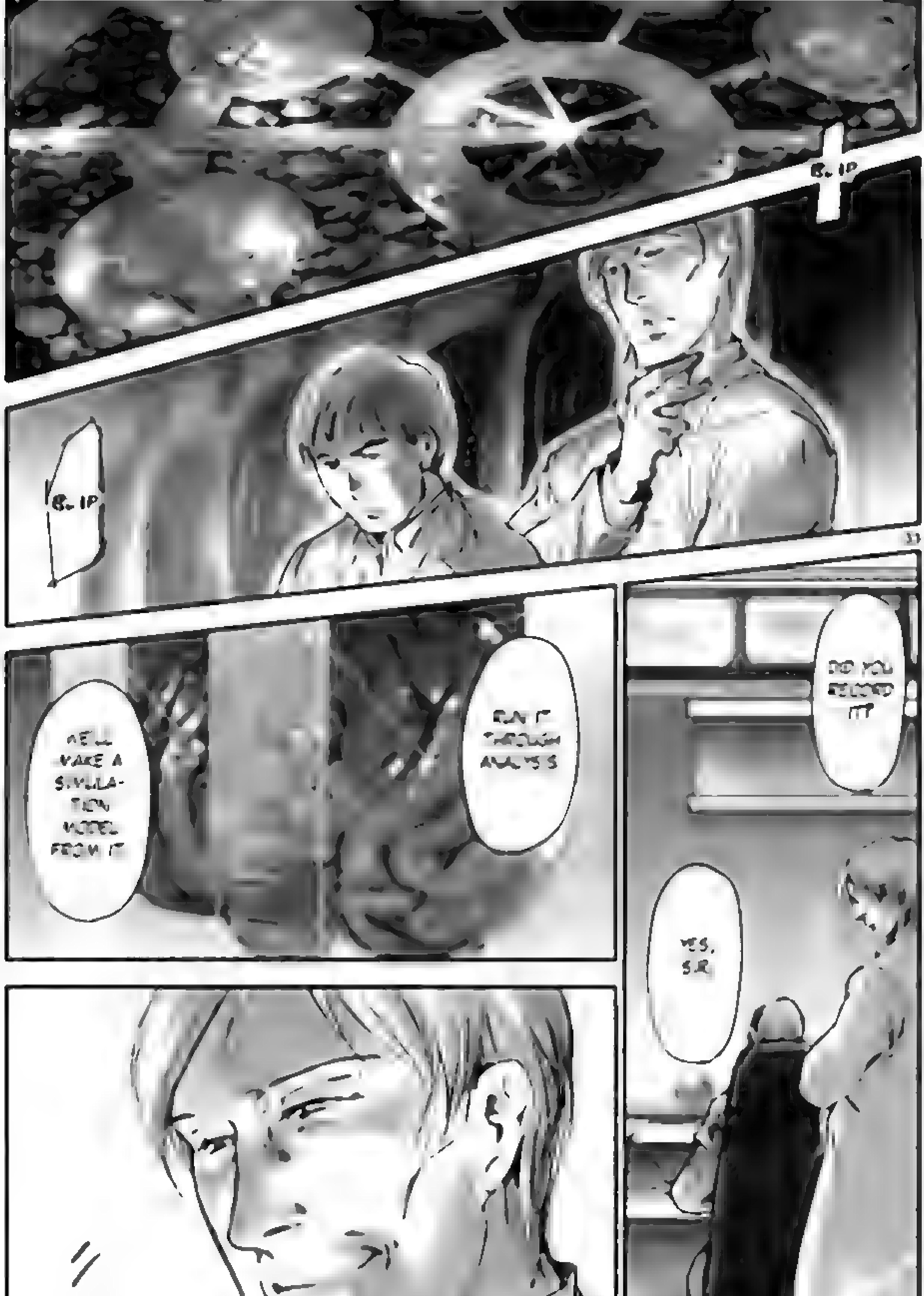
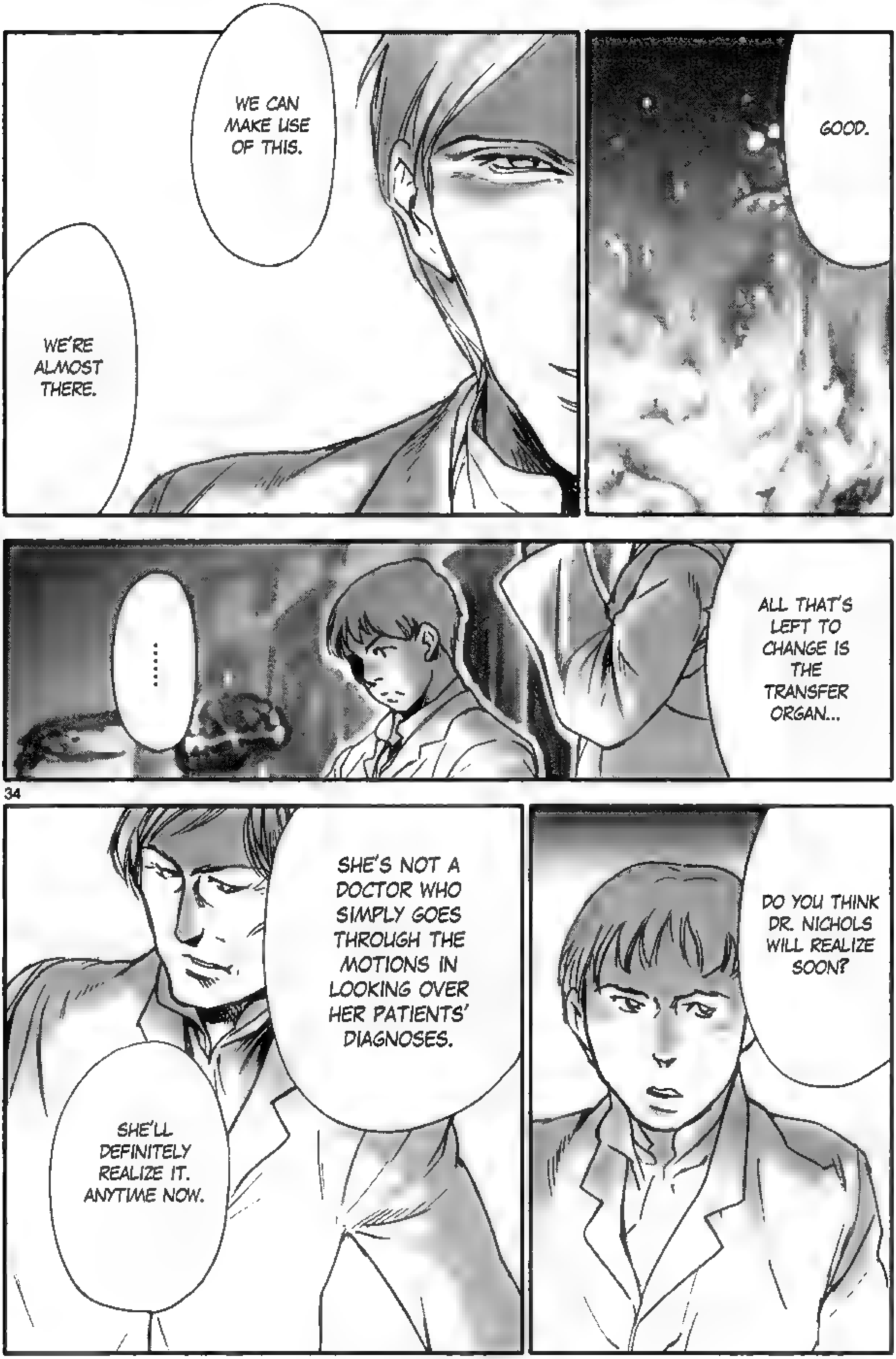
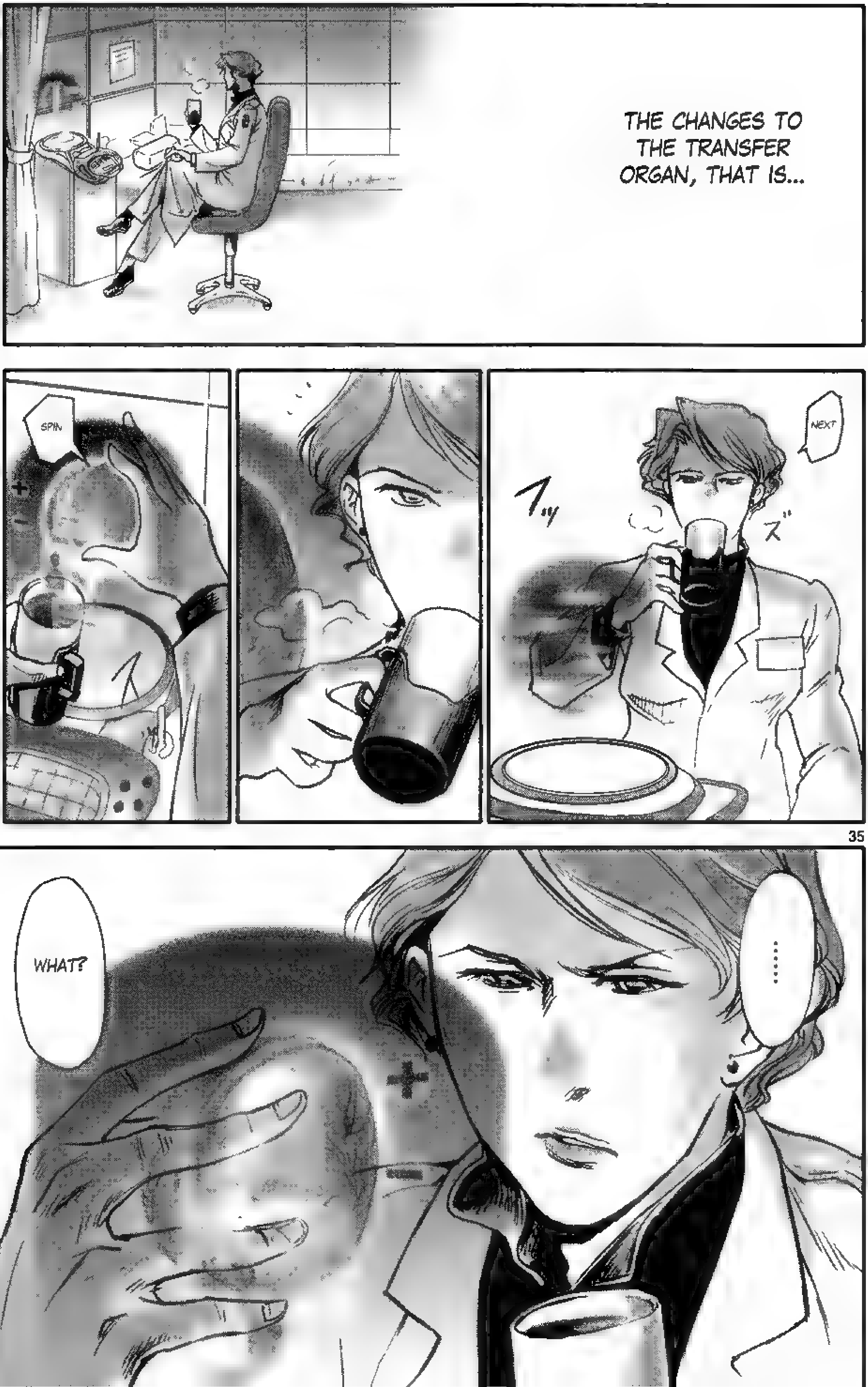
FORGIVE ME, SIR!
BUT I RECEIVED A SUDDEN INTERFERING CALL FROM SOMEWHERE!
AND YOU AREN'T RECEIVING ANY INTERFERENCE!
SO DON'T TRY TO BULLSHIT ME!
SAVE YOUR EXCUSES!


RE-ESTABLISH FORMATION!
WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!


SHE DID SOMETHING AGAIN
IT'S OSA.
IF YOU FAIL AGAIN, YOU WON'T BE FORMATTED INTO A DRIVER.
FORMATION 4-2-BETA!
I TOLD HER NOT TO PULL ME OUT OF MY RELATIVE COORDINATE SPACE OR I'D SMASH HER...
FORMATION 4-2-BETA!


BLIP
BLIP
DID YOU RECORD IT?
YES, SIR.
RUN IT THROUGH ANALYSIS
WE'LL MAKE A SIMULATION MODEL FROM IT


GOOD.
WE CAN MAKE USE OF THIS.
WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
ALL THAT'S LEFT TO CHANGE IS THE TRANSFER ORGAN...
……
DO YOU THINK DR. NICHOLS WILL REALIZE SOON?
SHE'S NOT A DOCTOR WHO SIMPLY GOES THROUGH THE MOTIONS IN LOOKING OVER HER PATIENTS' DIAGNOSES.
SHE'LL DEFINITELY REALIZE IT. ANYTIME NOW.


THE CHANGES TO THE TRANSFER ORGAN, THAT IS...
NEXT
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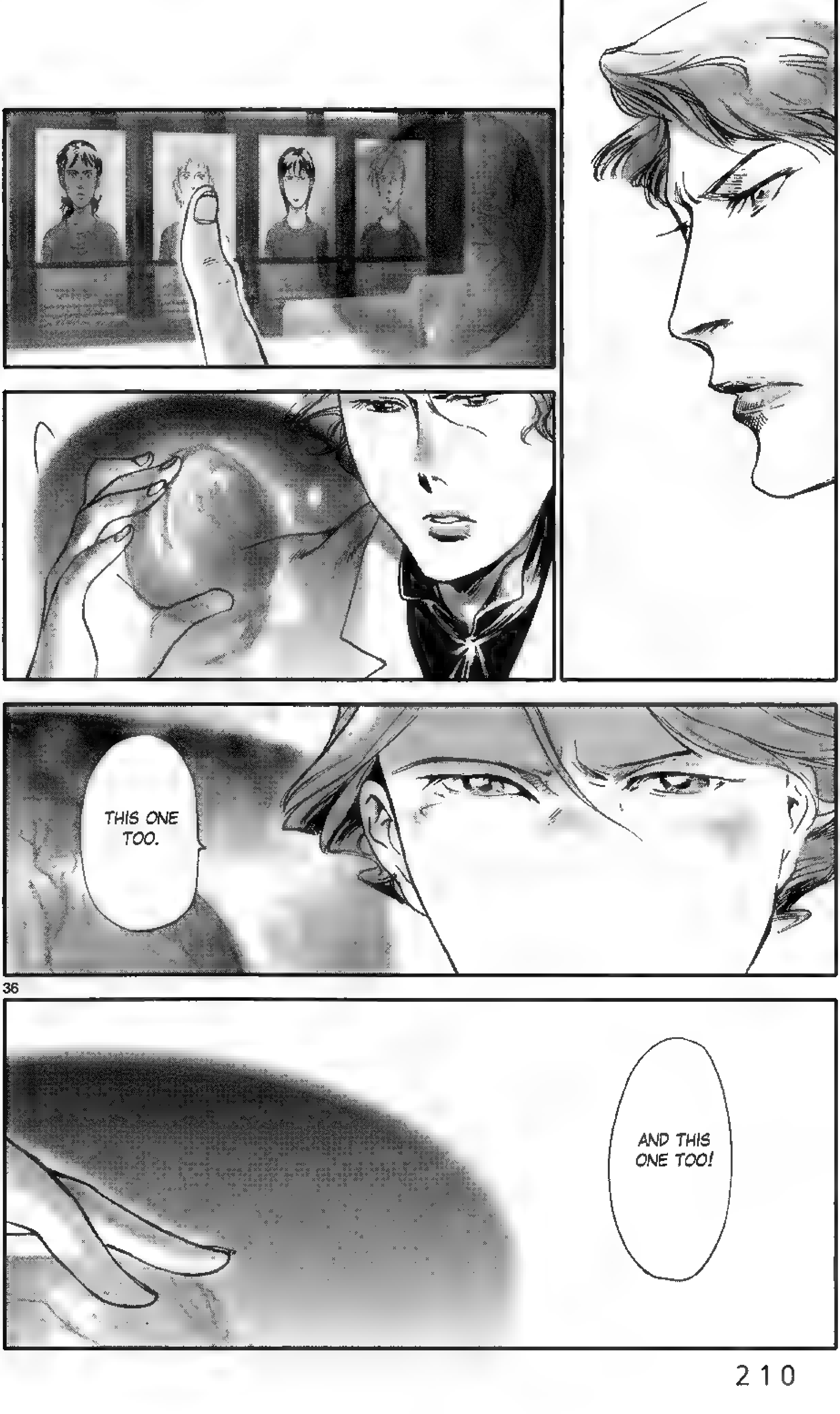
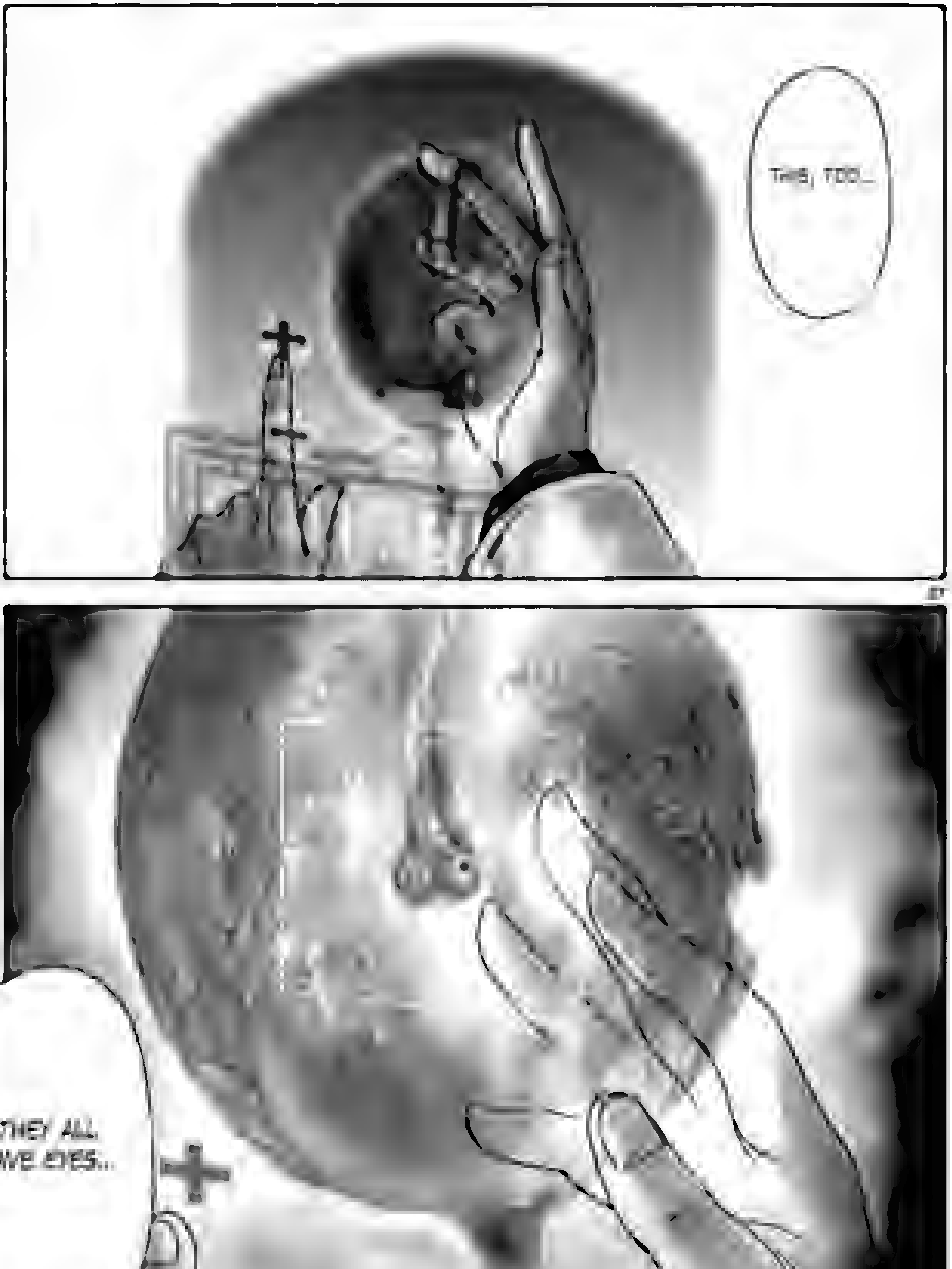
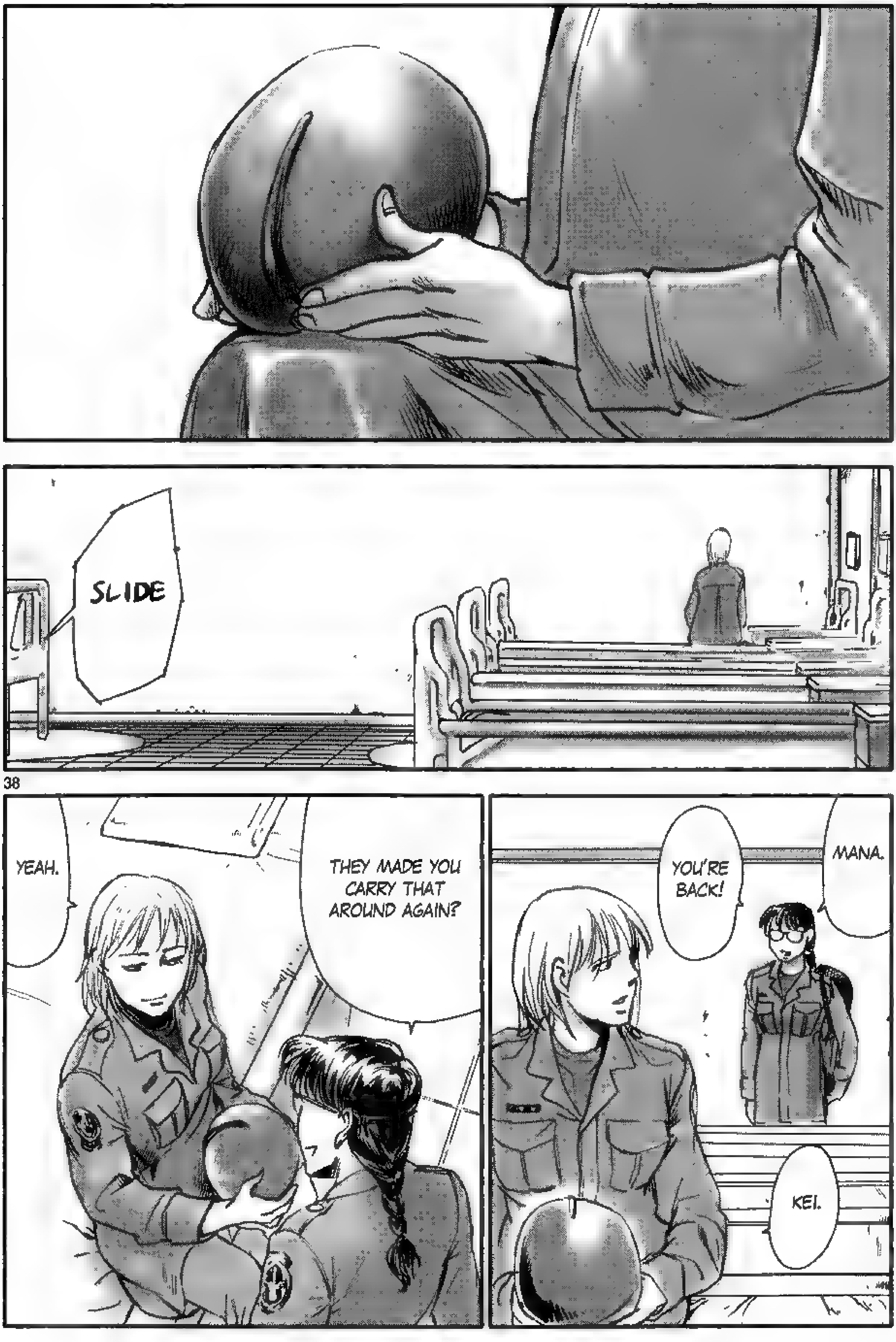
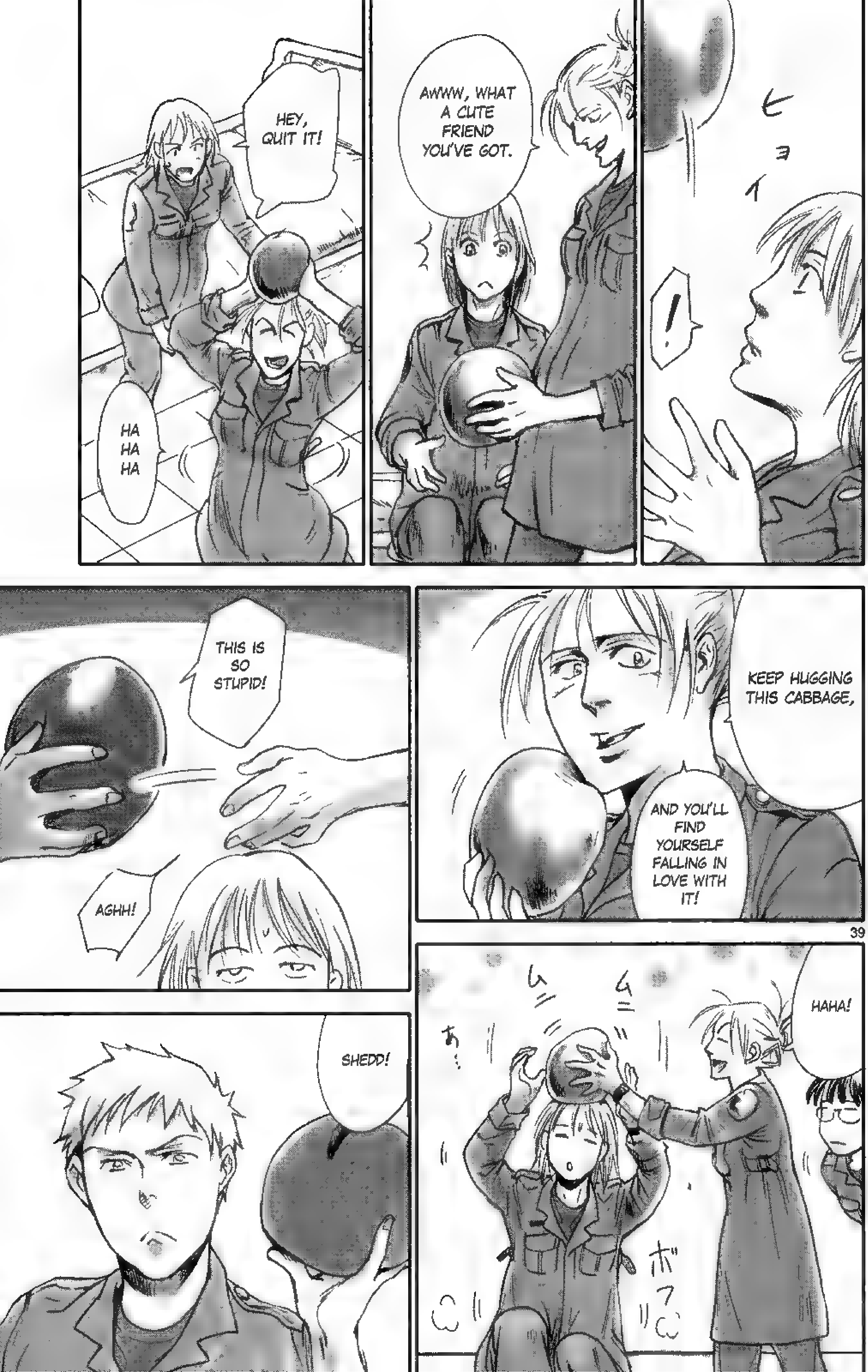
SPIN
......
WHAT?


THIS ONE TOO.
AND THIS ONE TOO!


THIS, TOO...
THEY ALL HAVE EYES...


SLIDE
MANA.
YOU'RE BACK!
KEI.
THEY MADE YOU CARRY THAT AROUND AGAIN?
YEAH.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!
AWWW, WHAT A CUTE FRIEND YOU'VE GOT.
HEY, QUIT IT!
HA HA HA
KEEP HUGGING THIS CABBAGE,
AND YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF FALLING IN LOVE WITH IT!
THIS IS SO STUPID!
AGHH!
HAHA!
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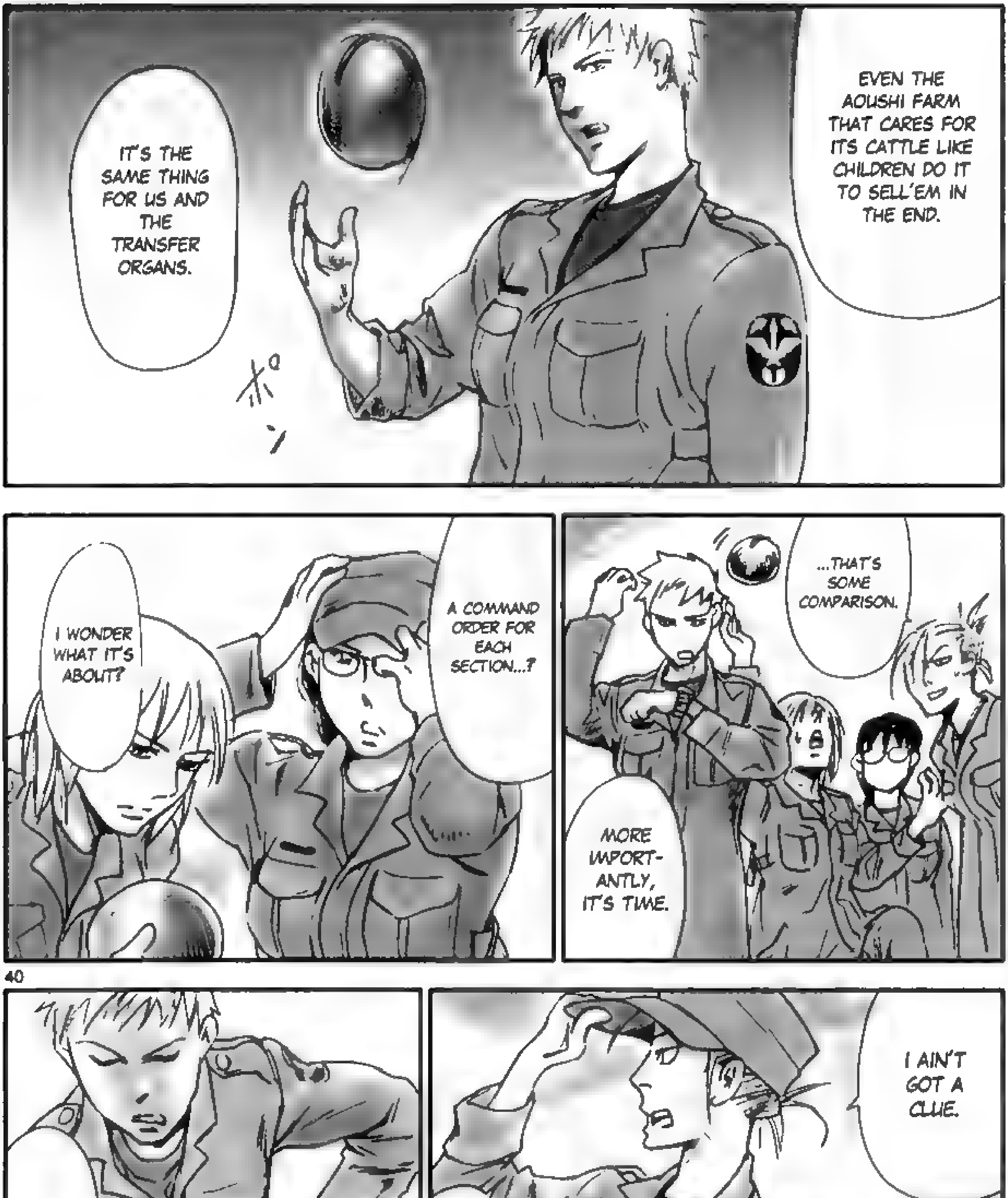
SHEDD!


EVEN THE AOUSHI FARM THAT CARES FOR ITS CATTLE LIKE CHILDREN DO IT TO SELL'EM IN THE END.
IT'S THE SAME THING FOR US AND THE TRANSFER ORGANS.
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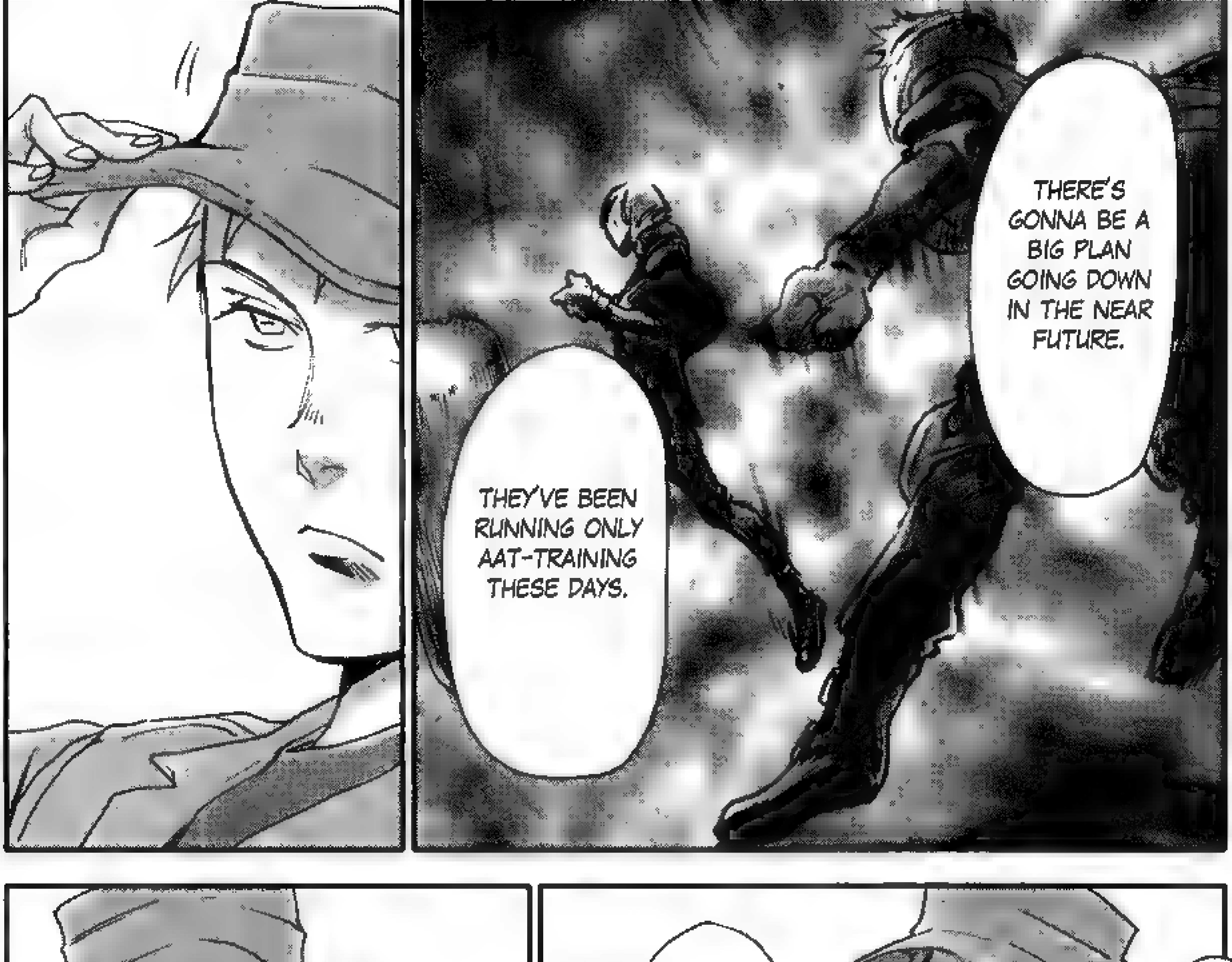
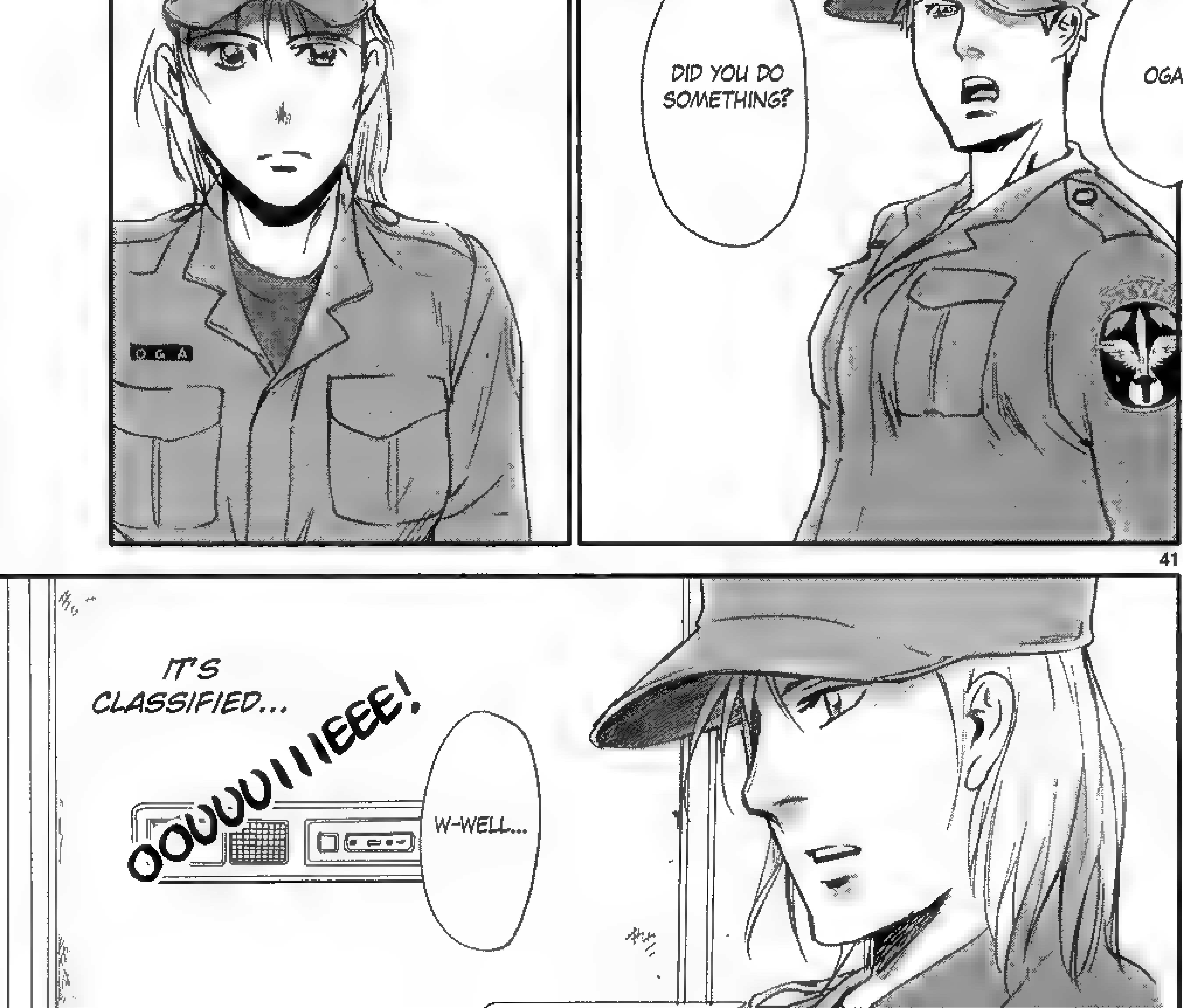
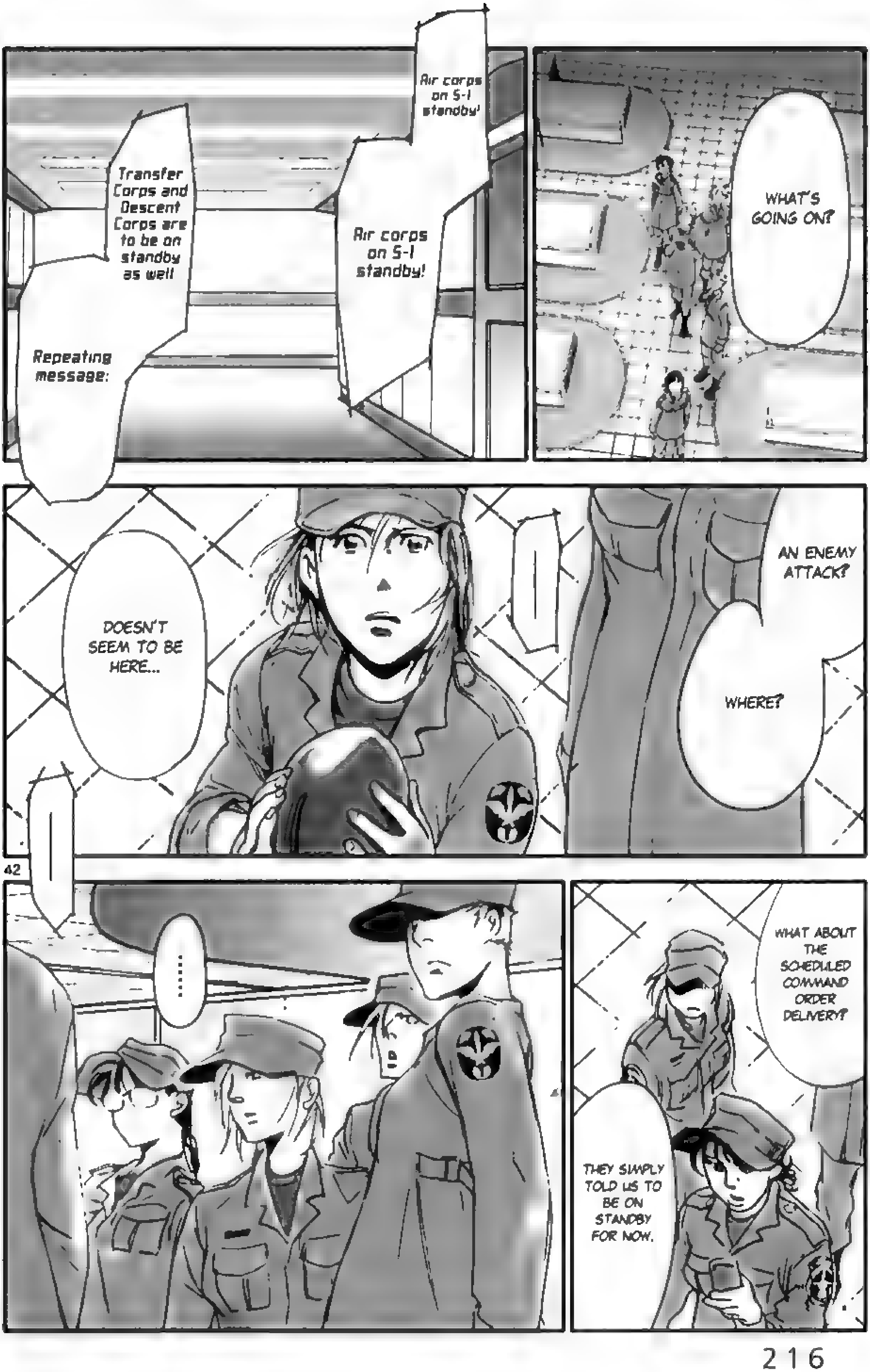
...THAT'S SOME COMPARISON.
MORE IMPORT-ANTLY, IT'S TIME.
A COMMAND ORDER FOR EACH SECTION...?
I WONDER WHAT IT'S ABOUT?
I AIN'T GOT A CLUE.
WELL,
I CAN GUESS.


THERE'S GONNA BE A BIG PLAN GOING DOWN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
THEY'VE BEEN RUNNING ONLY AAT-TRAINING THESE DAYS.
OGA,
DID YOU DO SOMETHING?
OGA


W-WELL...
IT'S CLASSIFIED...
OOUUUIIIIEEE!


WHAT'S GOING ON?
Air corps on S-1 standby!
Air corps on S-1 standby!
Transfer Corps and Descent Corps are to be on standby as well
Repeating message:
AN ENEMY ATTACK?
WHERE?
DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HERE...
WHAT ABOUT THE SCHEDULED COMMAND ORDER DELIVERY?
THEY SIMPLY TOLD US TO BE ON STANDBY FOR NOW.
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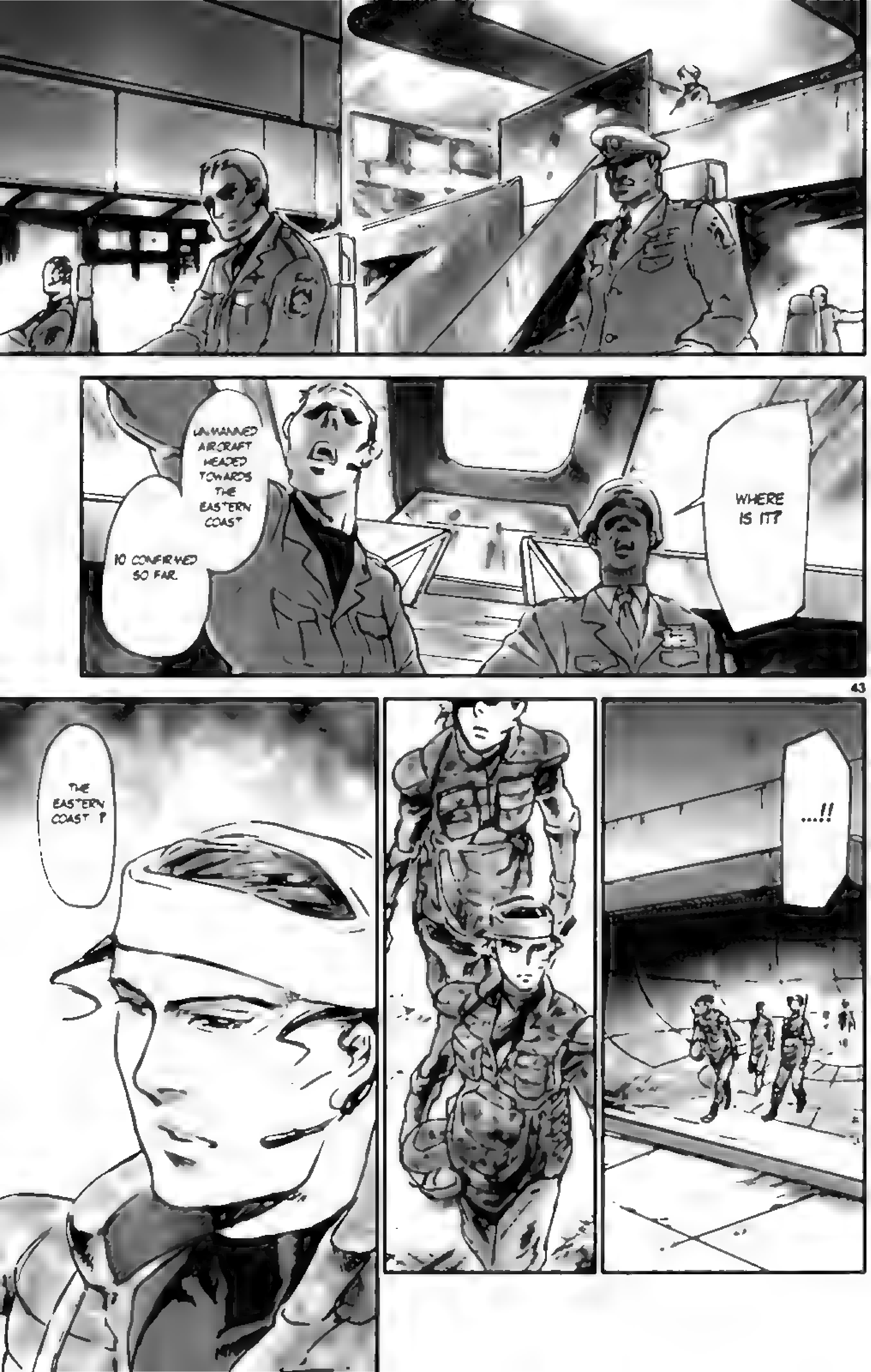
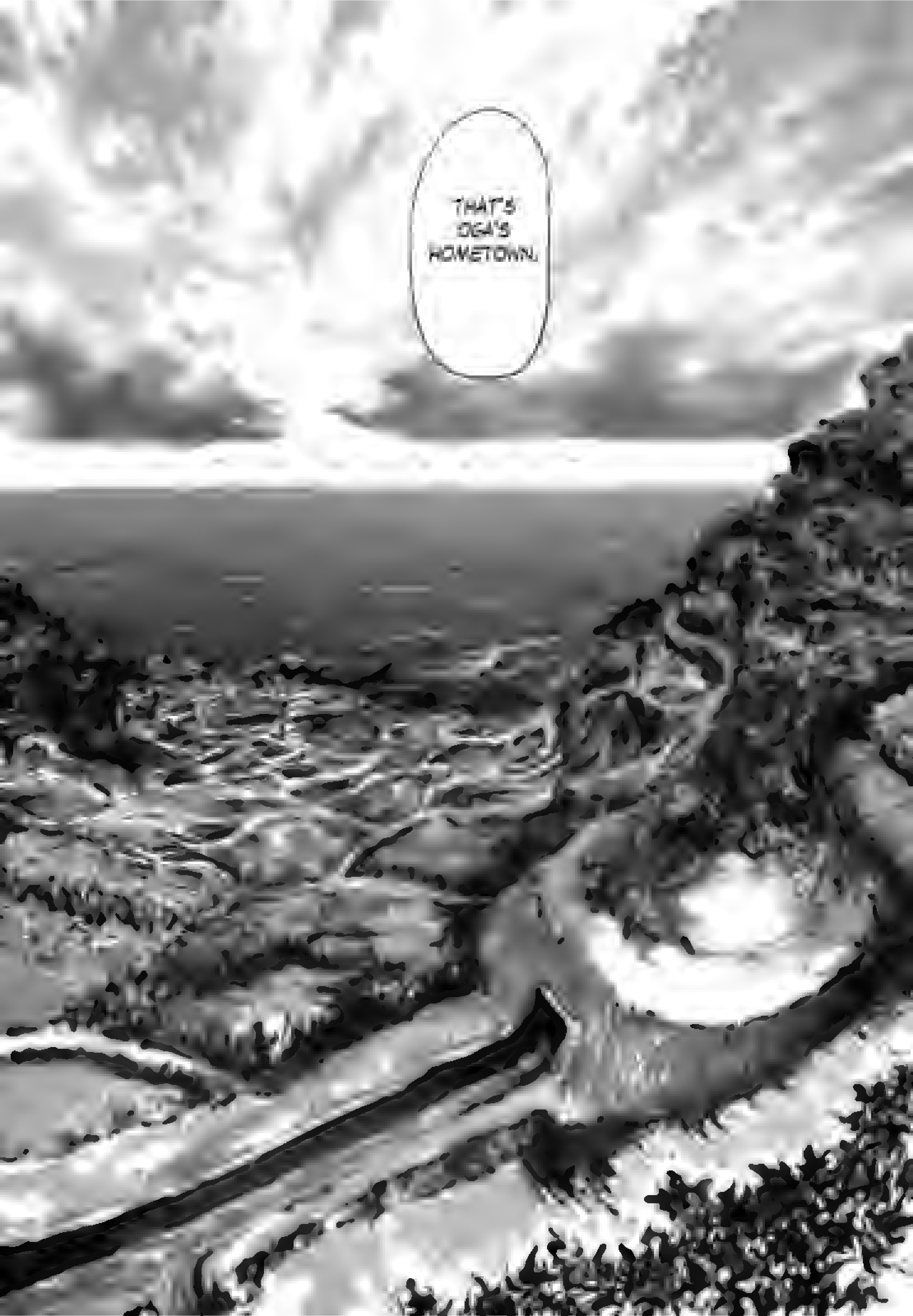

WHERE IS IT?
UNMANNED AIRCRAFT HEADED TOWARDS THE EASTERN COAST
10 CONFIRMED SO FAR.
...!!
THE EASTERN COAST?


THAT'S OGA'S HOMETOWN.

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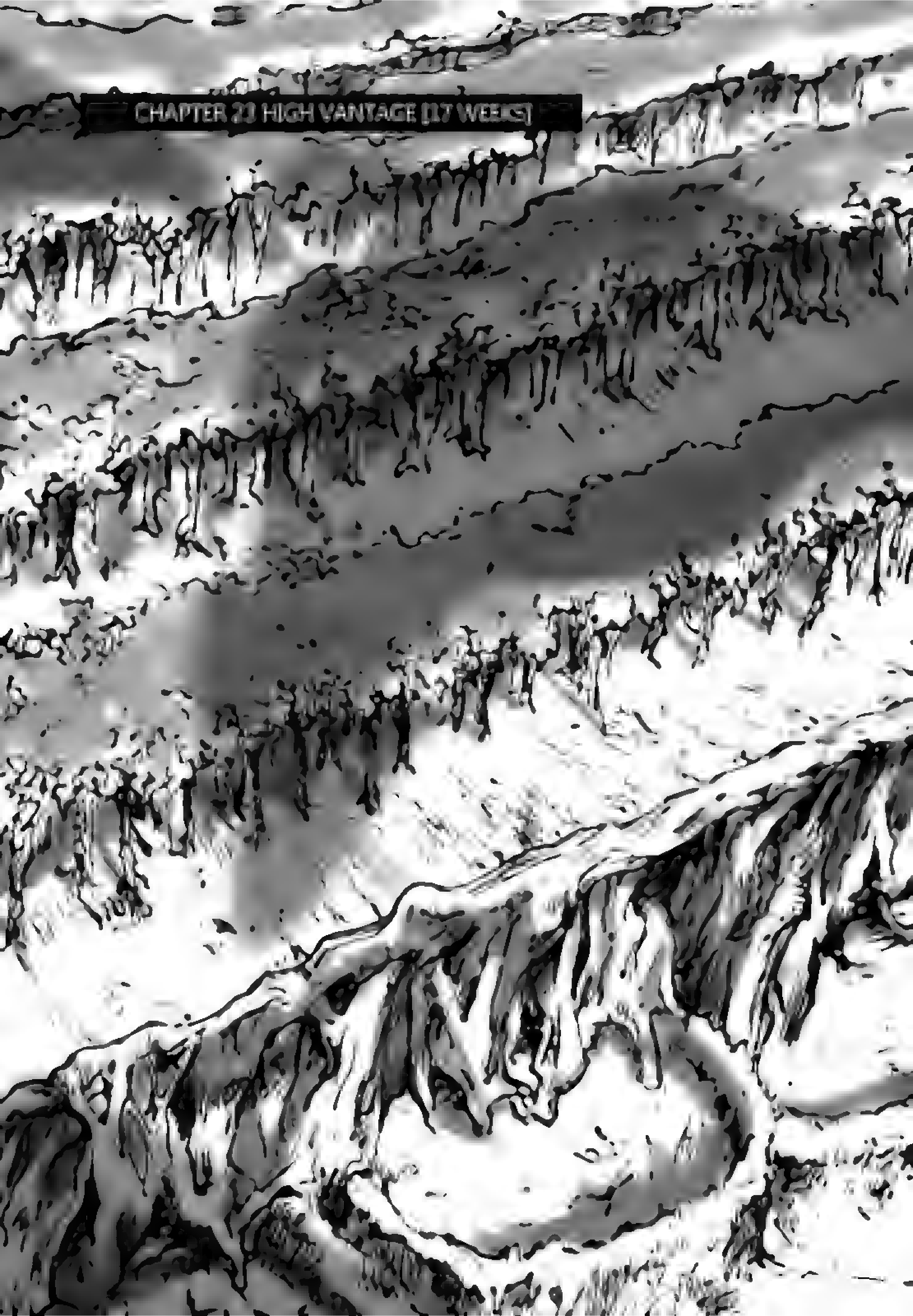
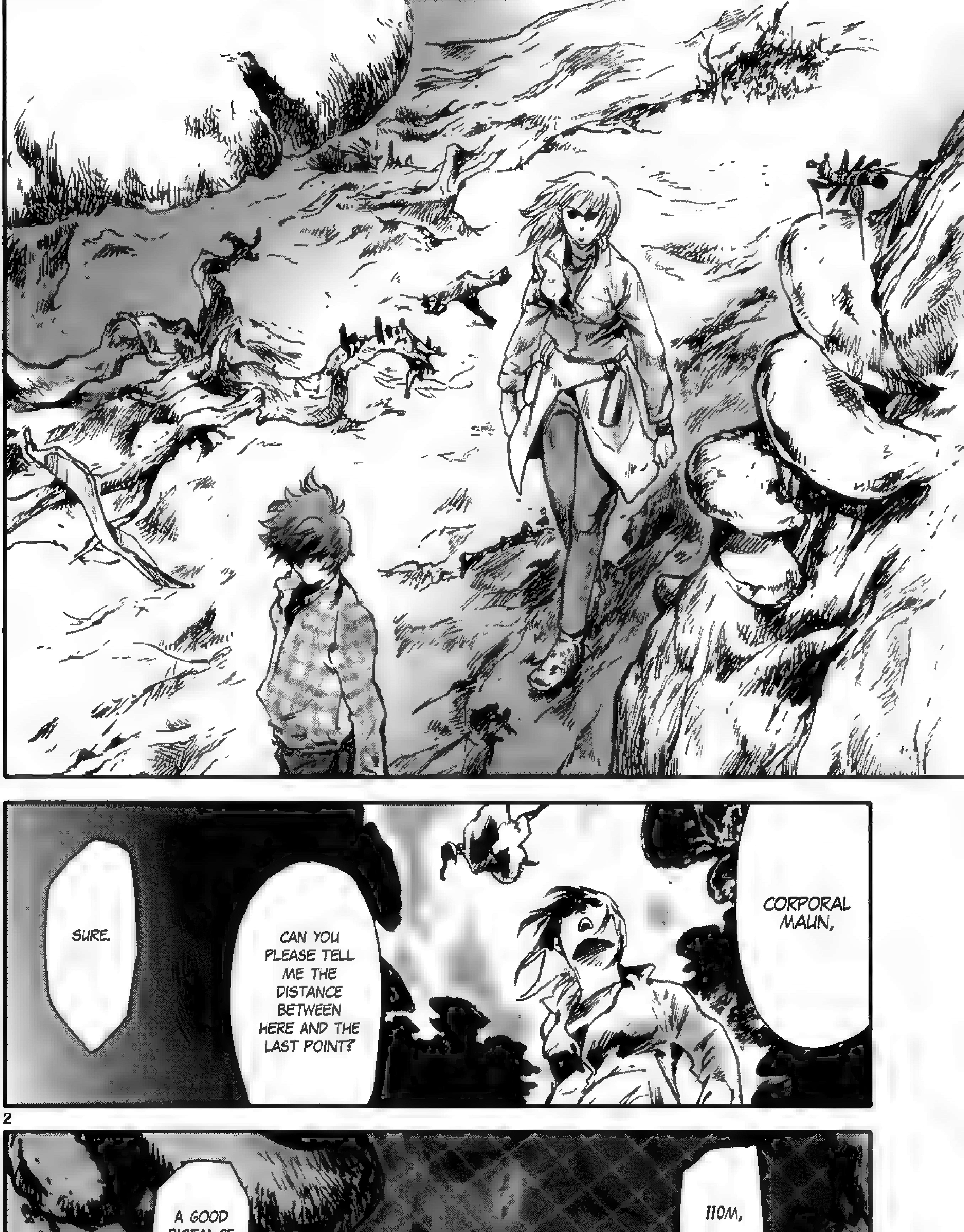
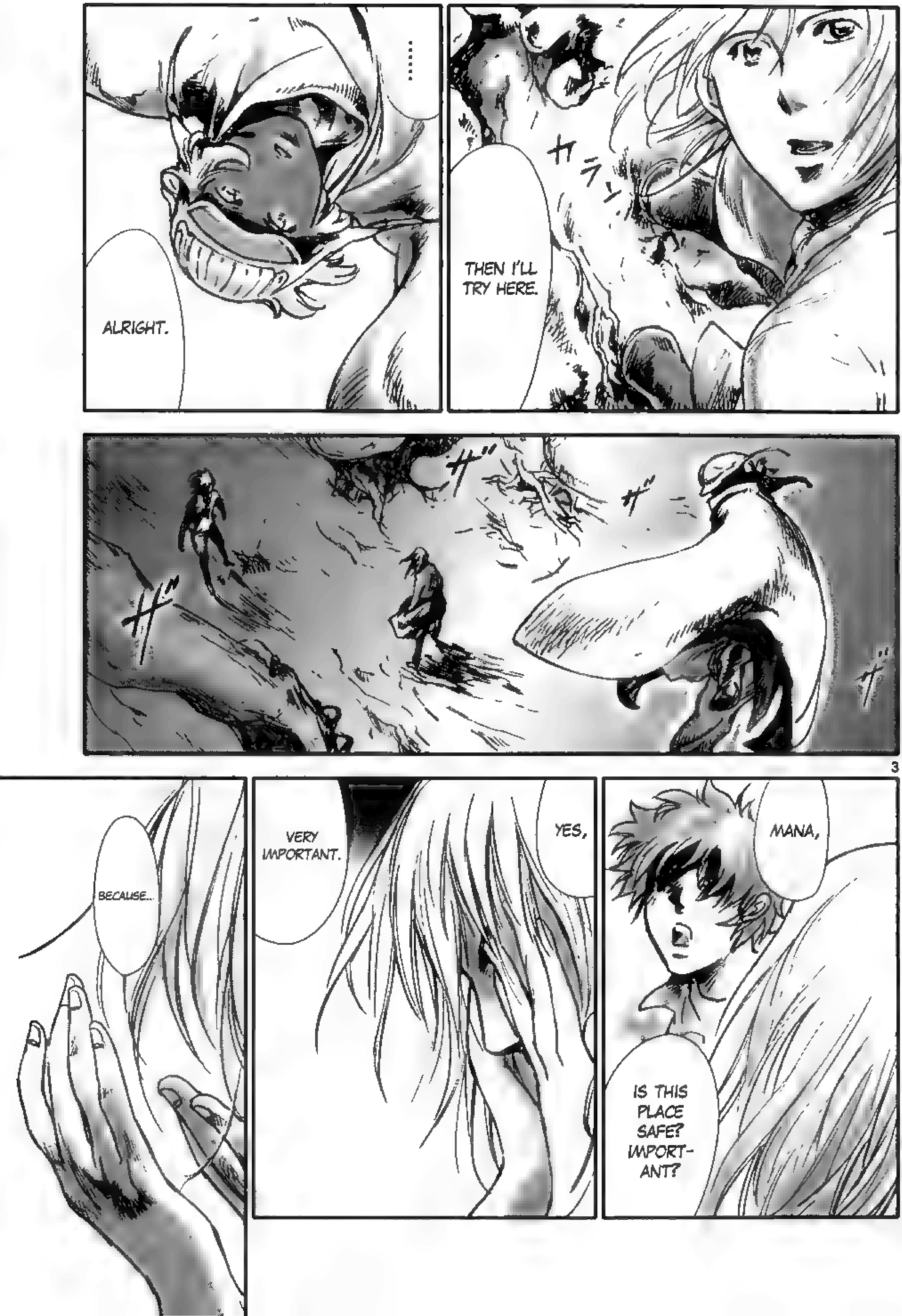



CORPORAL MAUN,
CAN YOU PLEASE TELL ME THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HERE AND THE LAST POINT?
SURE.
110M,
GIVE OR TAKE 10M.
A GOOD DISTANCE FOR A SIMULTANEOUS AAT.


カラン
THEN I'LL TRY HERE.
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ALRIGHT.
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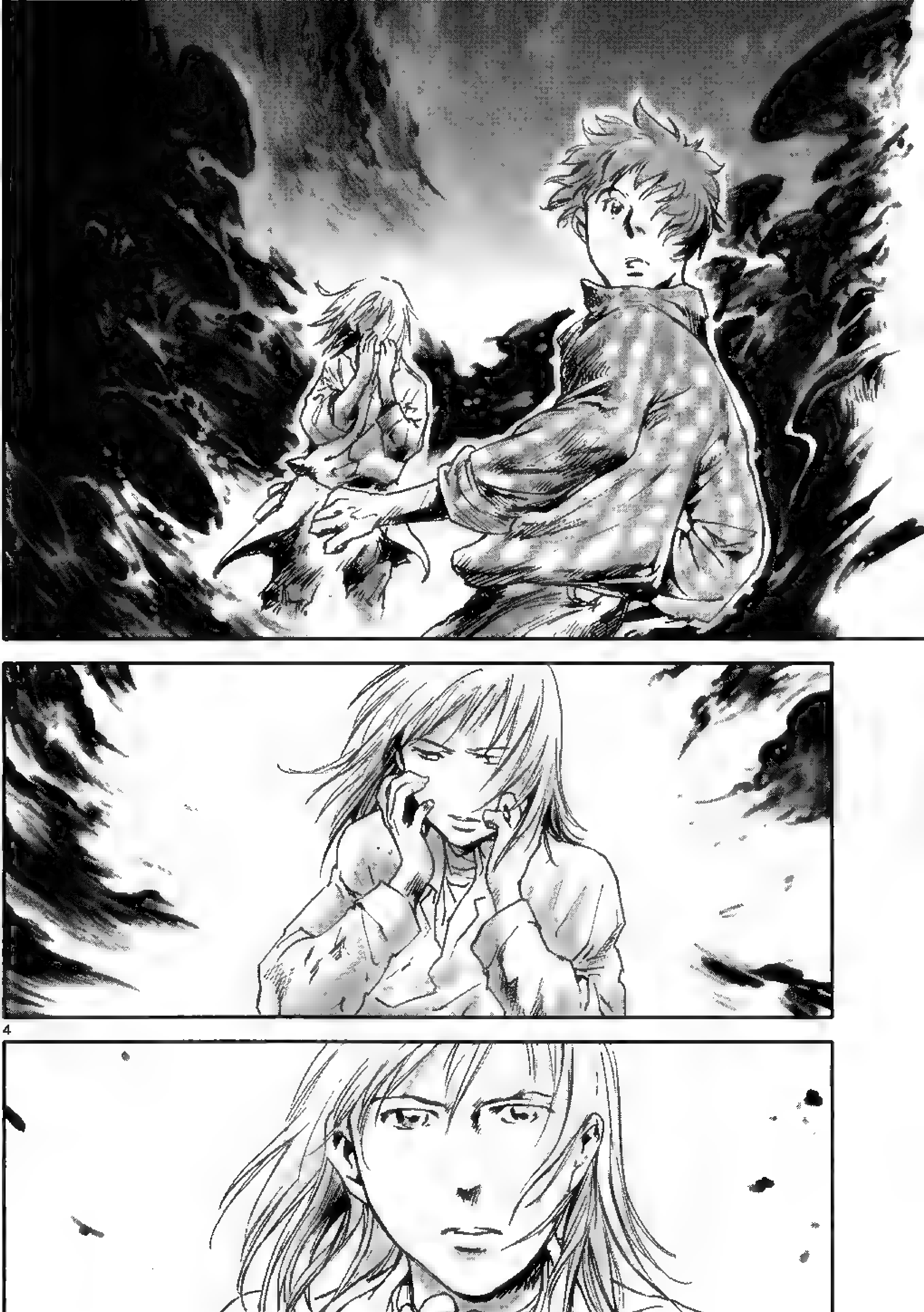
MANA,
IS THIS PLACE SAFE? IMPORTANT?
YES,
VERY IMPORTANT.
BECAUSE...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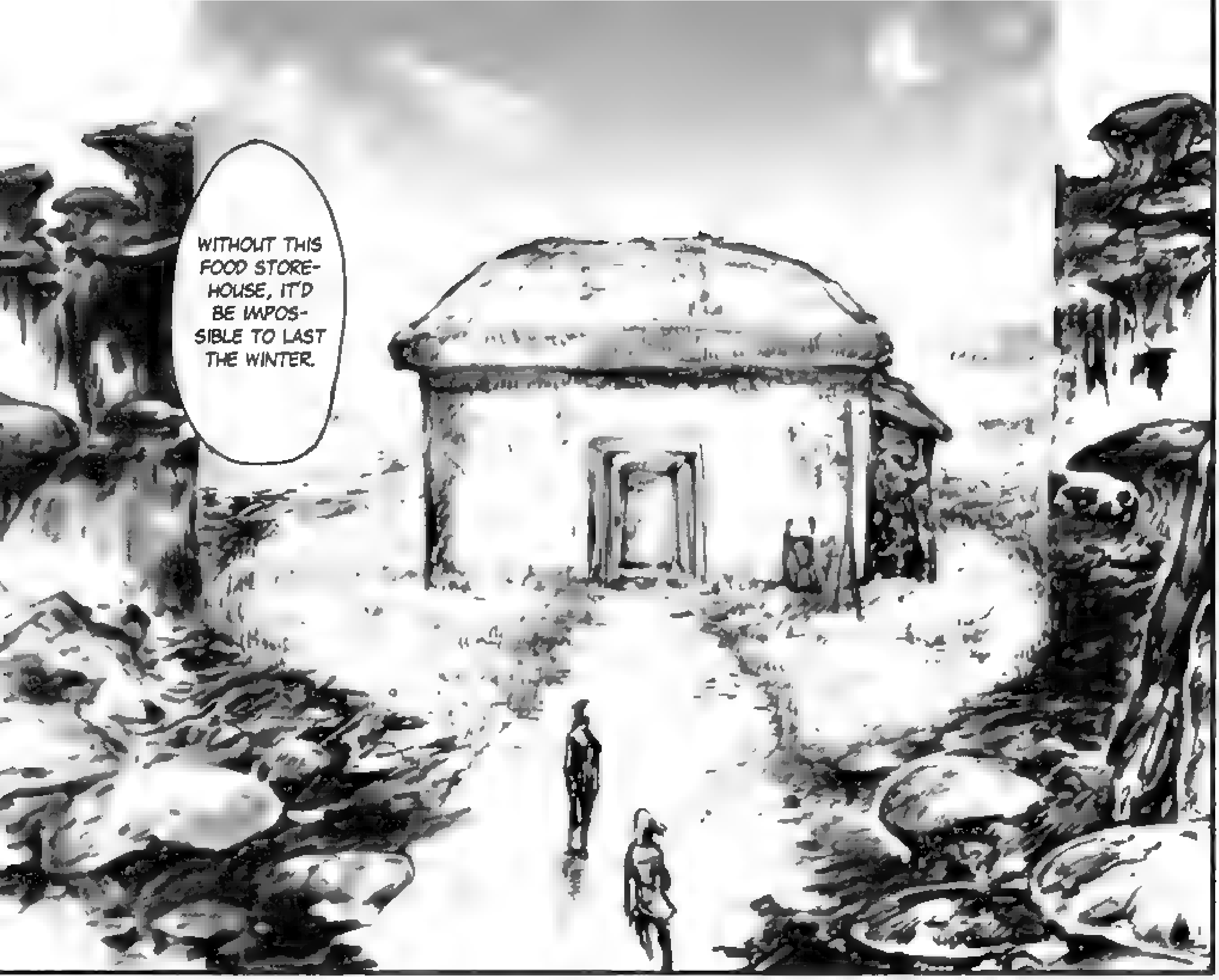
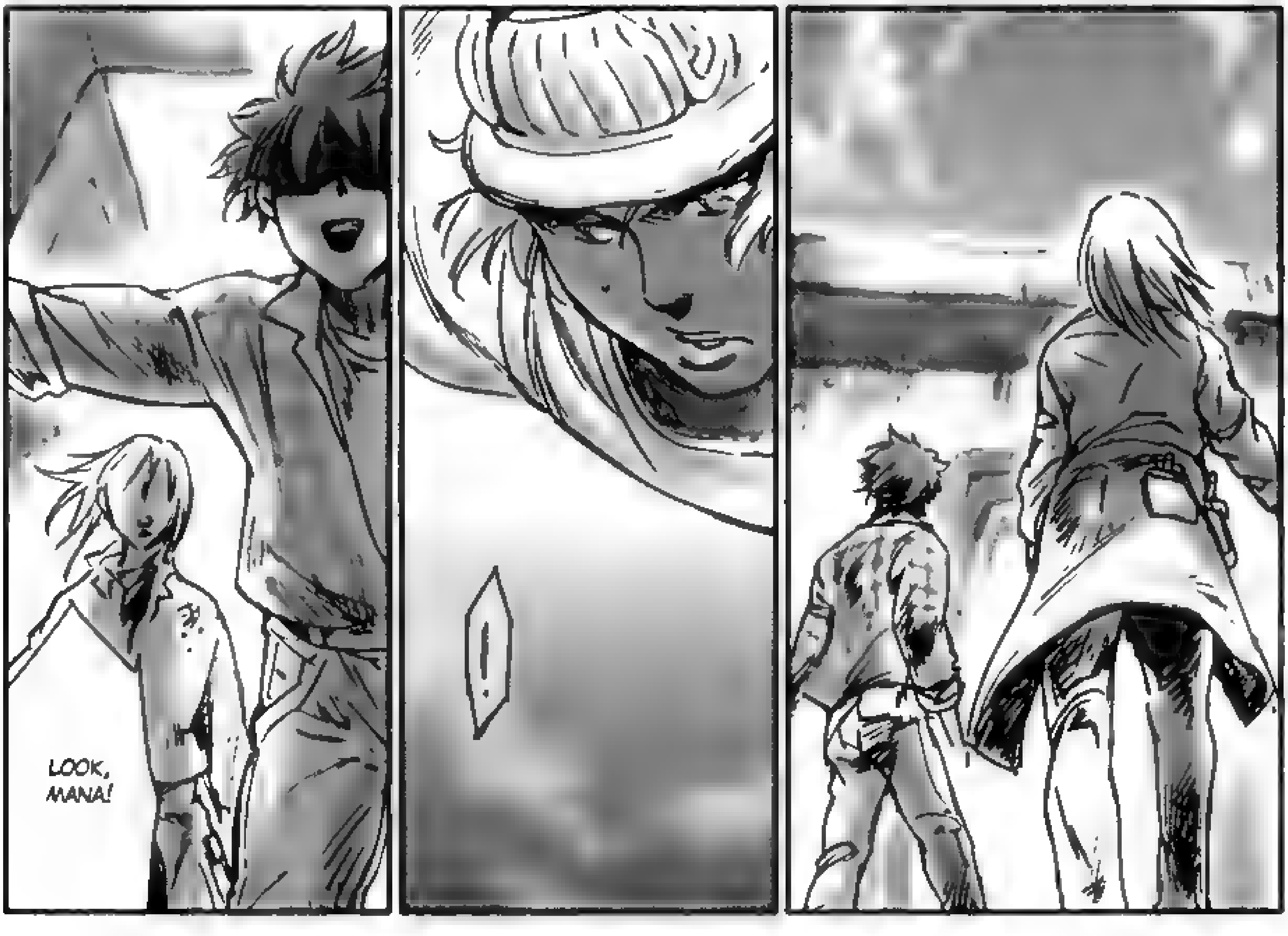

WITHOUT THIS FOOD STOREHOUSE, IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE TO LAST THE WINTER.


LOOK, MANA!
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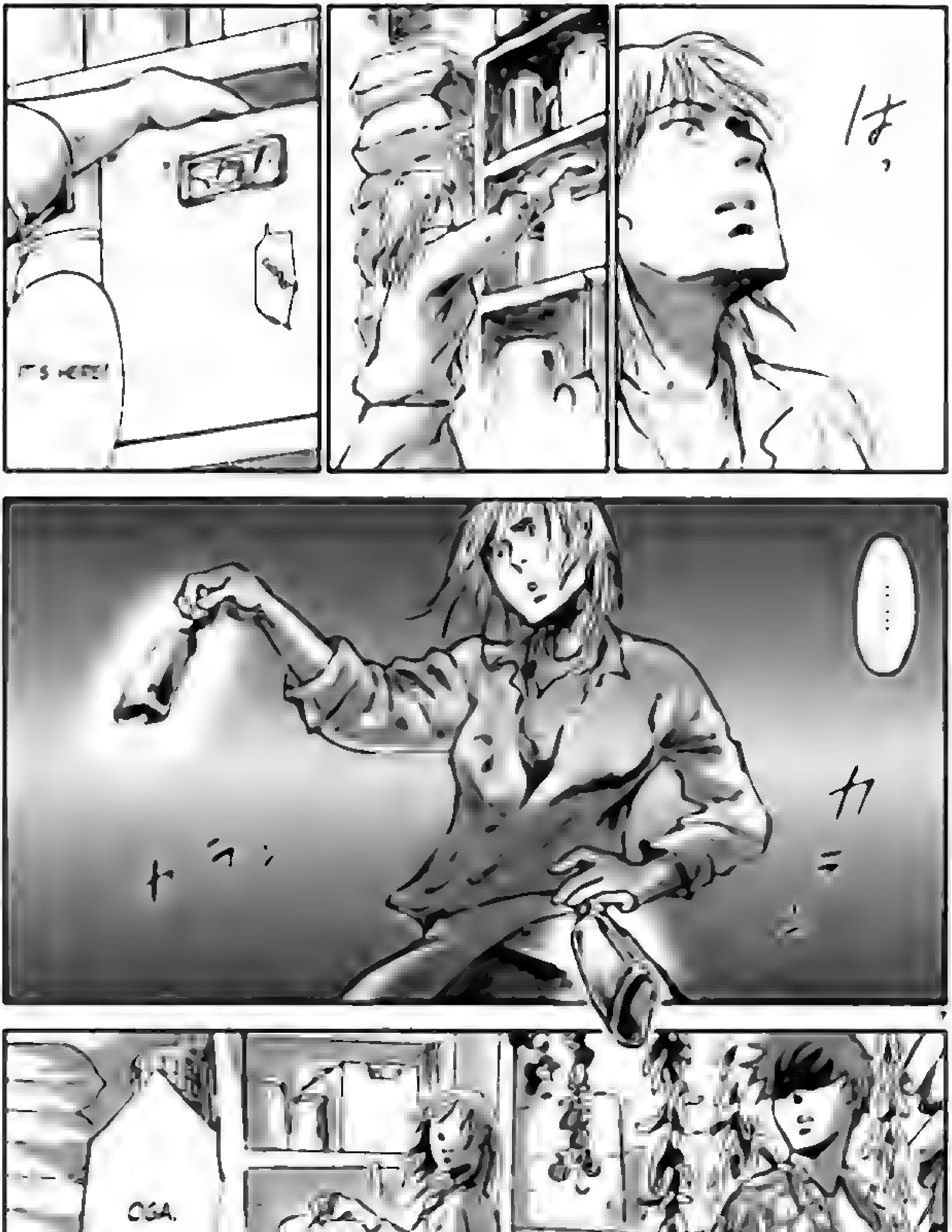
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IT'S HERE!
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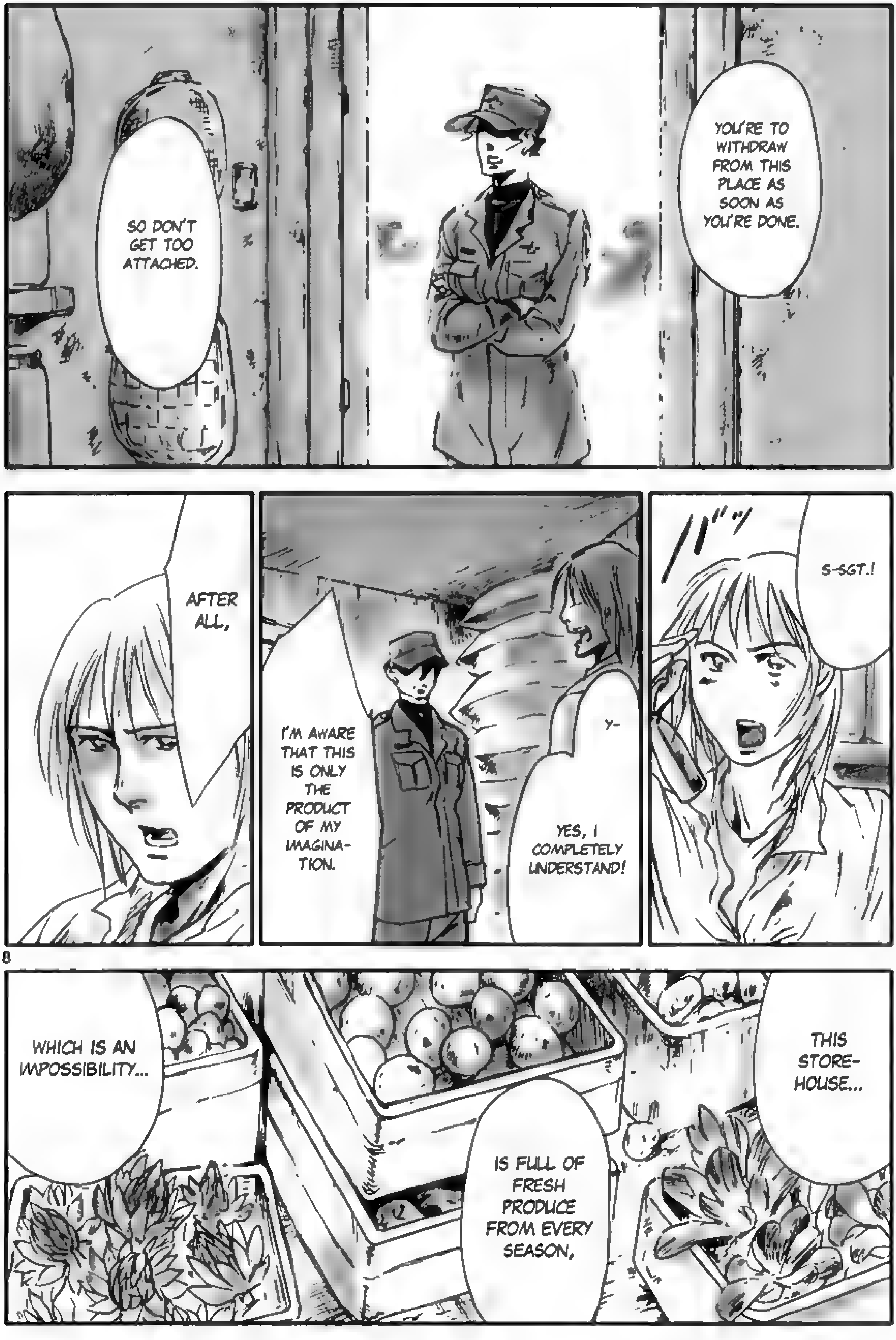
YOU'RE TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS PLACE AS SOON AS YOU'RE DONE.
SO DON'T GET TOO ATTACHED.
S-SGT.!
Y-
YES, I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND!
I'M AWARE THAT THIS IS ONLY THE PRODUCT OF MY IMAGINATION.
AFTER ALL,
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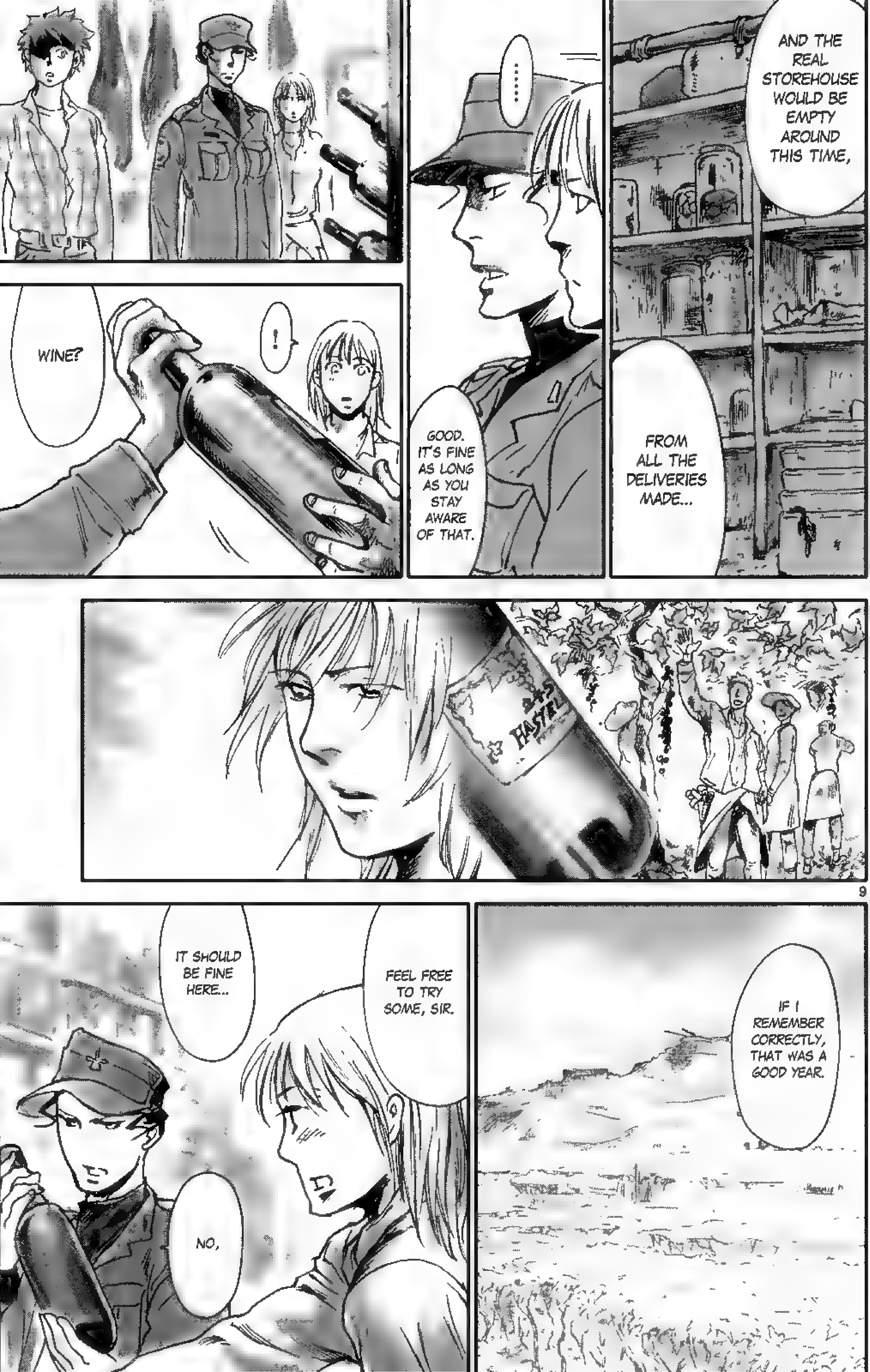
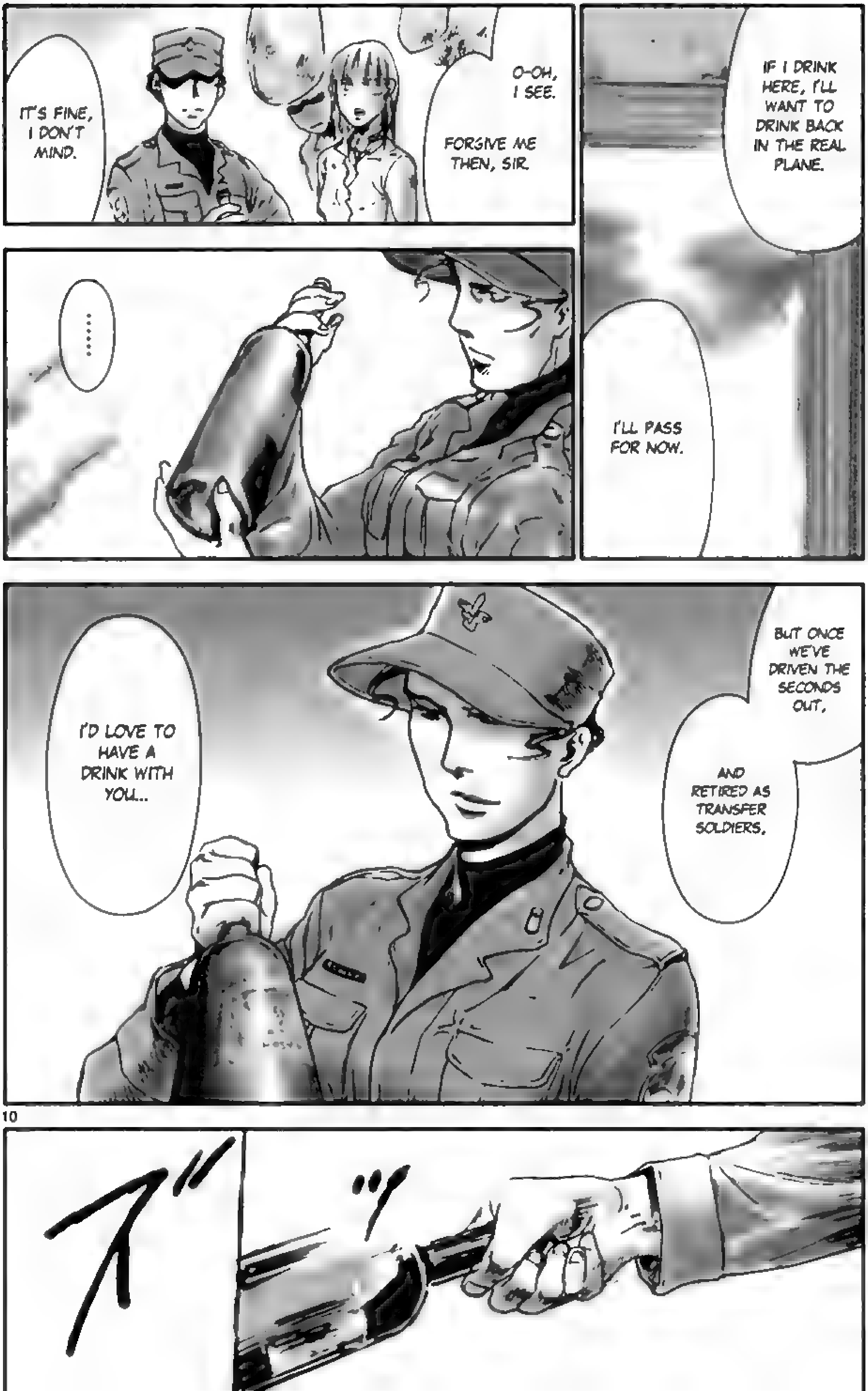
THIS STOREHOUSE...
IS FULL OF FRESH PRODUCE FROM EVERY SEASON,
WHICH IS AN IMPOSSIBILITY...


AND THE REAL STOREHOUSE WOULD BE EMPTY AROUND THIS TIME,
FROM ALL THE DELIVERIES MADE...
......
GOOD. IT'S FINE AS LONG AS YOU STAY AWARE OF THAT.
!
WINE?
PASTEL
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THAT WAS A GOOD YEAR.
FEEL FREE TO TRY SOME, SIR.
IT SHOULD BE FINE HERE...
NO,


IF I DRINK HERE, I'LL WANT TO DRINK BACK IN THE REAL PLANE.
I'LL PASS FOR NOW.
O-OH, I SEE.
FORGIVE ME THEN, SIR.
IT'S FINE, I DON'T MIND.
......
BUT ONCE WE'VE DRIVEN THE SECONDS OUT,
AND RETIRED AS TRANSFER SOLDIERS,
I'D LOVE TO HAVE A DRINK WITH YOU...
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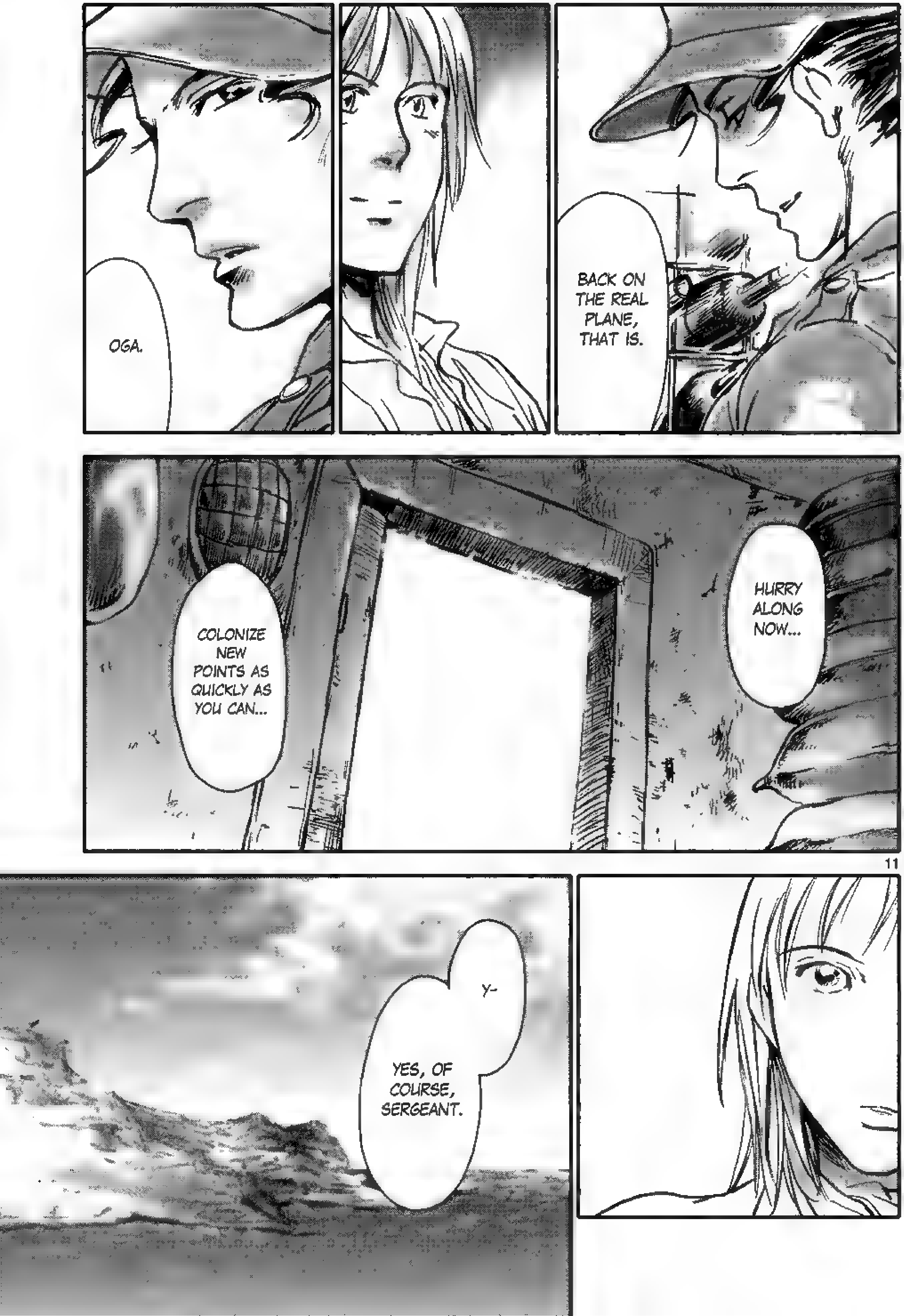
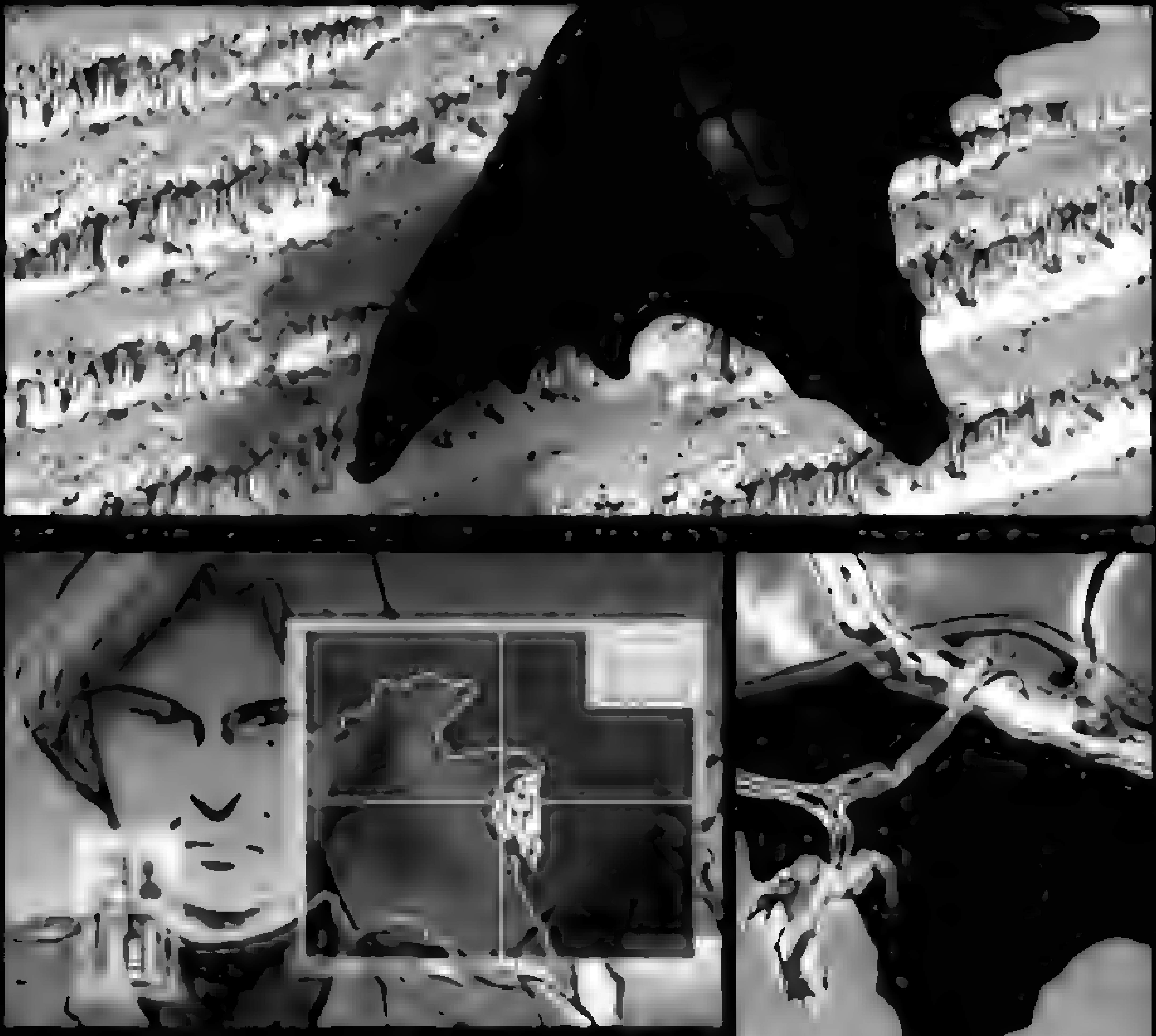
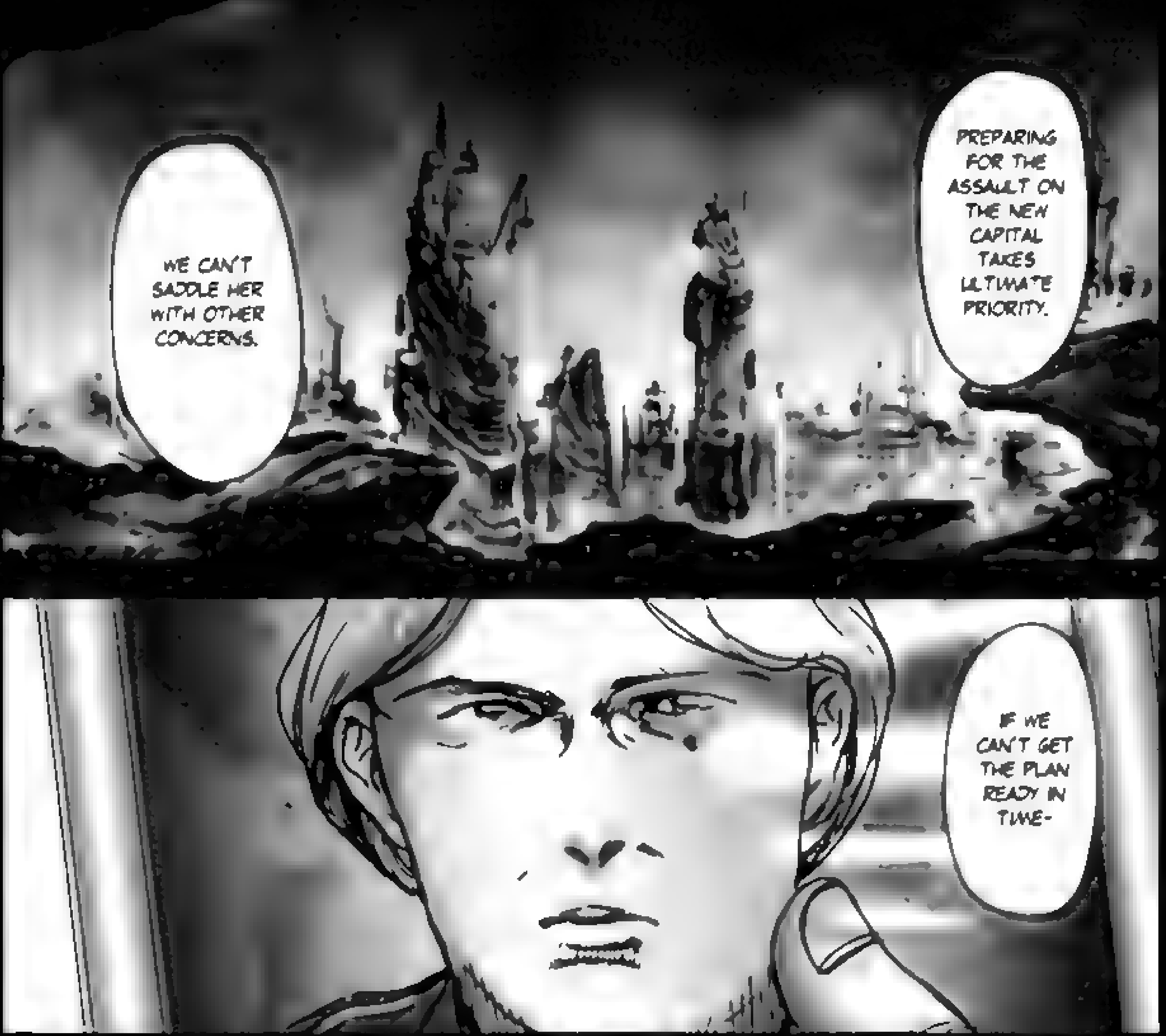
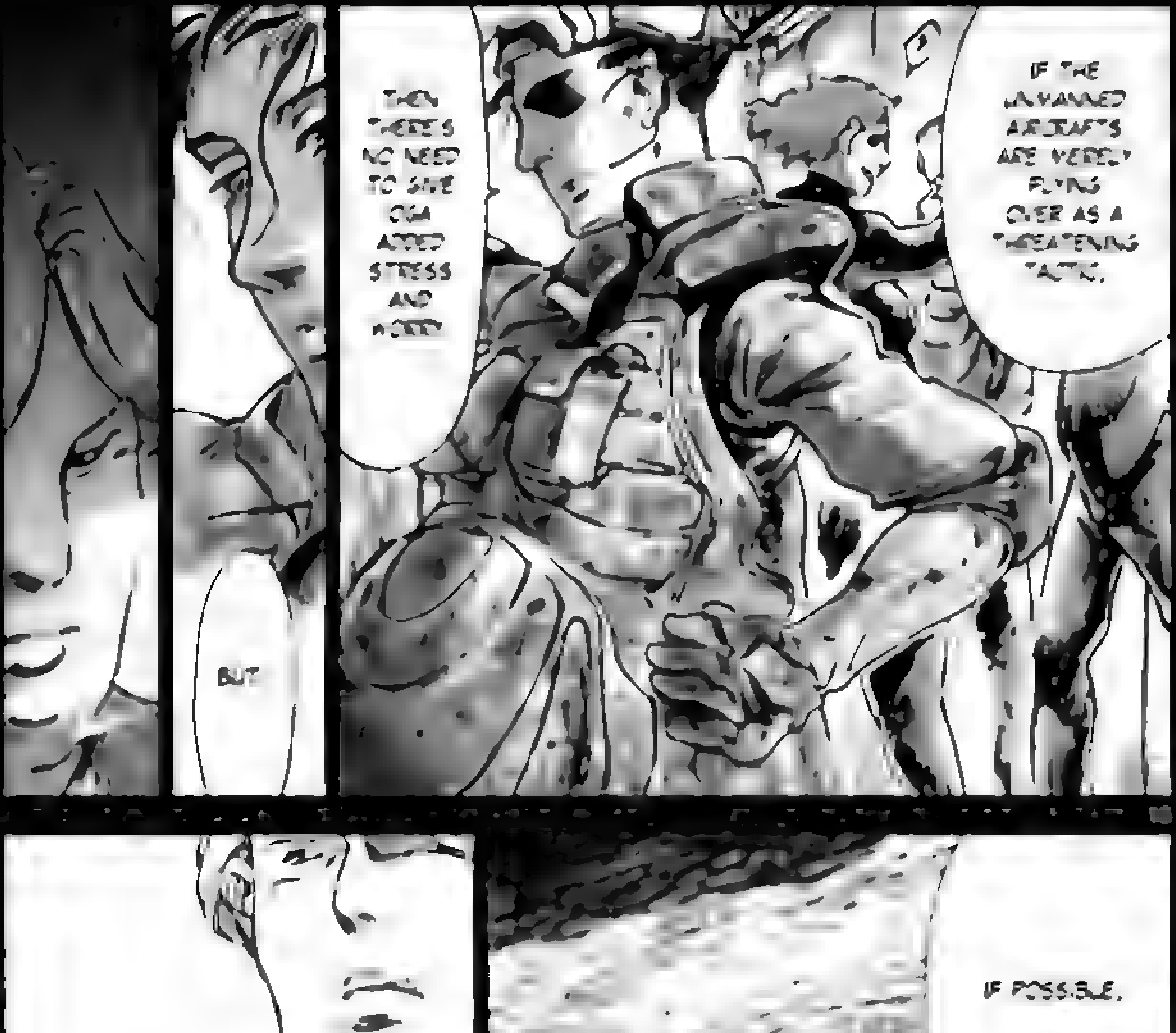
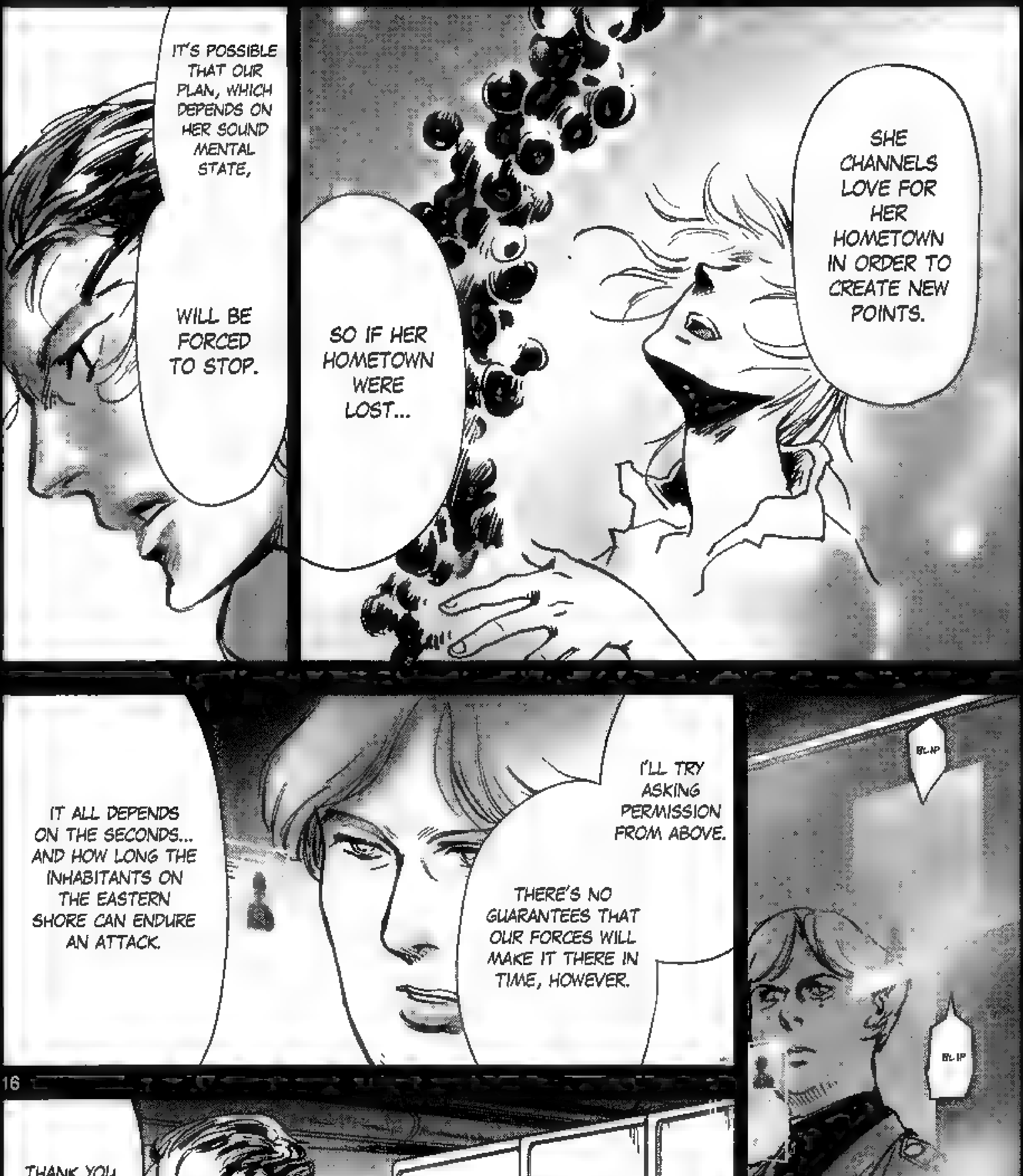
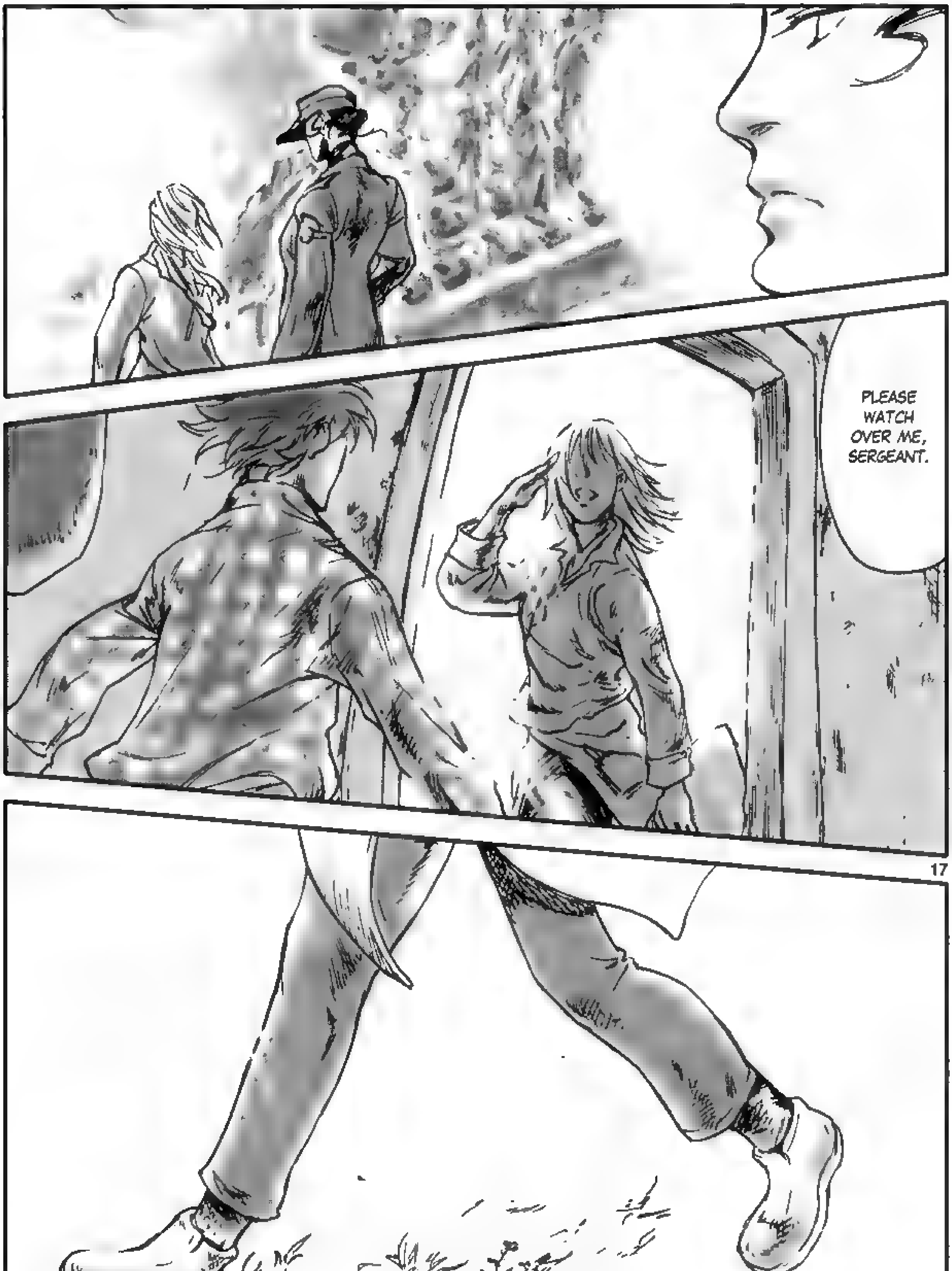

BACK ON THE REAL PLANE, THAT IS.
OGA.
HURRY ALONG NOW...
COLONIZE NEW POINTS AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN...
Y-
YES, OF COURSE, SERGEANT.

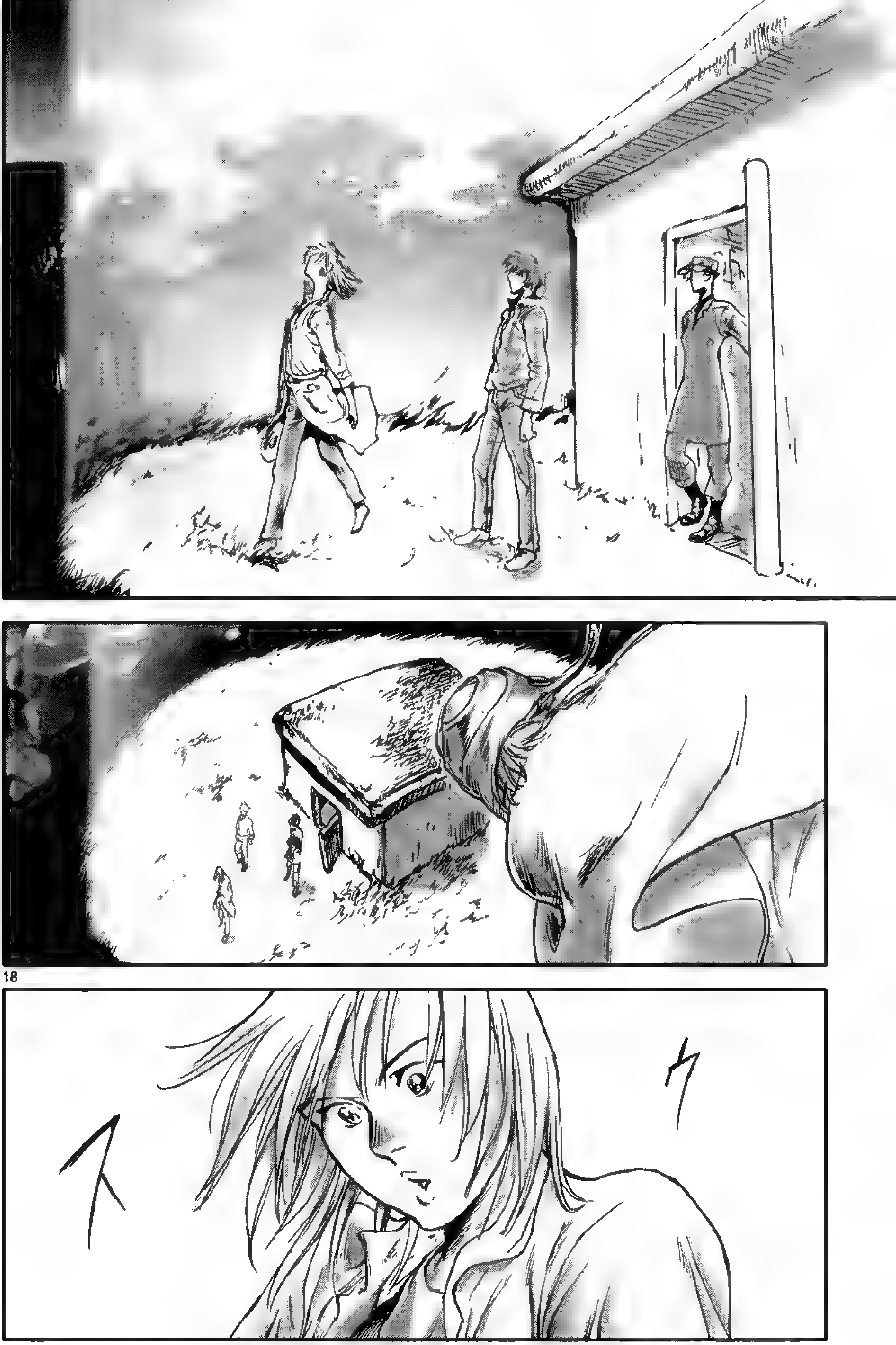

YOU MUST NOT LET OSA KNOW


PREPARING FOR THE ASSAULT ON THE NEW CAPITAL TAKES ULTIMATE PRIORITY.
WE CAN'T SADDLE HER WITH OTHER CONCERNS.
IF WE CAN'T GET THE PLAN READY IN TIME-
!
!
YES, I UNDERSTAND.


IF THE UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS ARE MERELY FLYING OVER AS A THREATENING TACTIC,
THEN THERE'S NO NEED TO GIVE OGA ADDED STRESS AND WORRY.
BUT
IF POSSIBLE,
WHAT...?
WE SHOULD LET HER COLONIZE TOWARDS HER HOMETOWN BY THE EASTERN SHORE AS WELL.
I'M NOT SAYING THIS BECAUSE OF SIMPLE SENTIMENTALITY.


SHE CHANNELS LOVE FOR HER HOMETOWN IN ORDER TO CREATE NEW POINTS.
SO IF HER HOMETOWN WERE LOST...
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OUR PLAN, WHICH DEPENDS ON HER SOUND MENTAL STATE,
WILL BE FORCED TO STOP.
BLIP
I'LL TRY ASKING PERMISSION FROM ABOVE.
THERE'S NO GUARANTEES THAT OUR FORCES WILL MAKE IT THERE IN TIME, HOWEVER.
IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE SECONDS... AND HOW LONG THE INHABITANTS ON THE EASTERN SHORE CAN ENDURE AN ATTACK.
BLIP
THANK YOU, LT. COLONEL.


PLEASE WATCH OVER ME, SERGEANT.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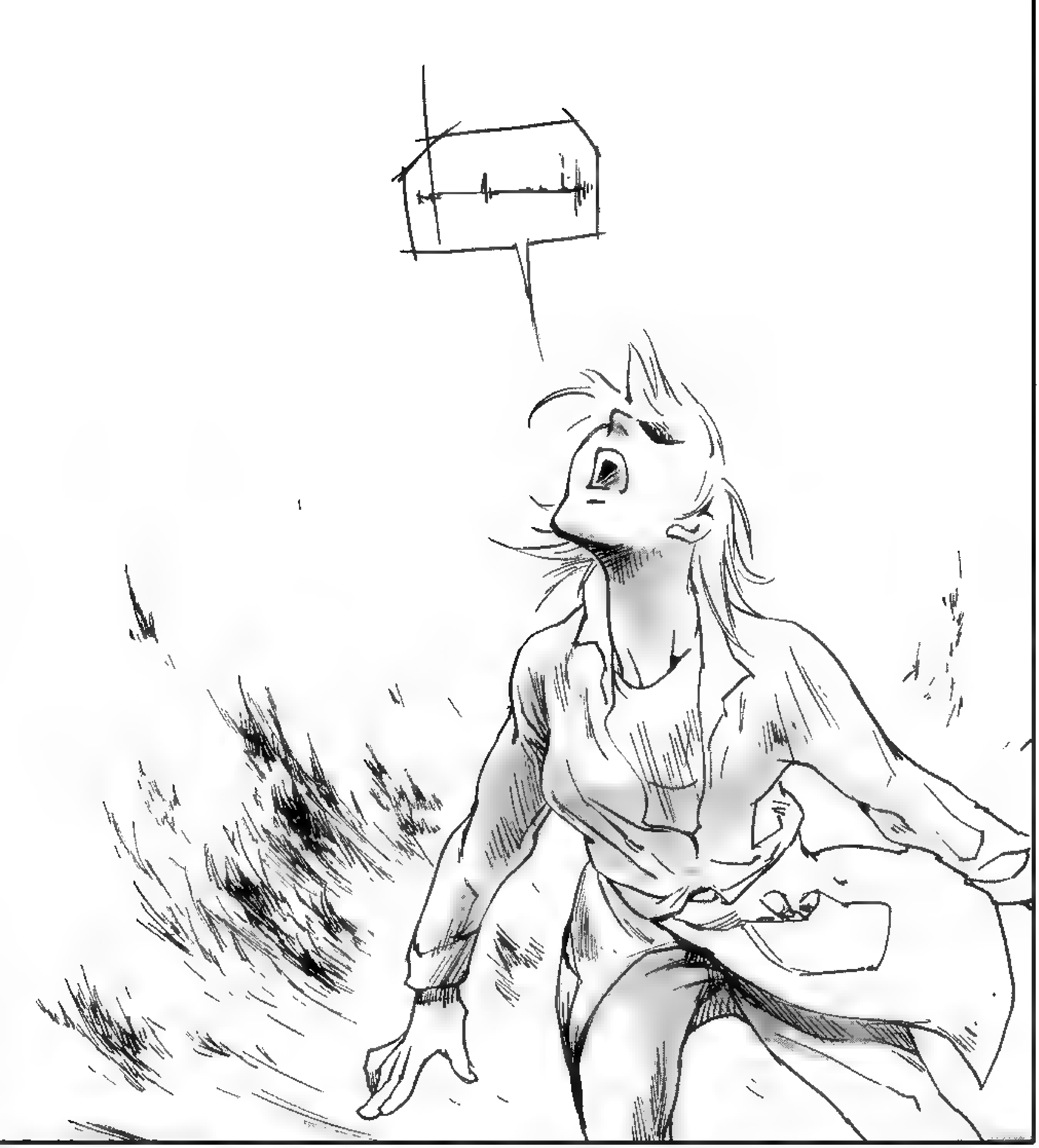
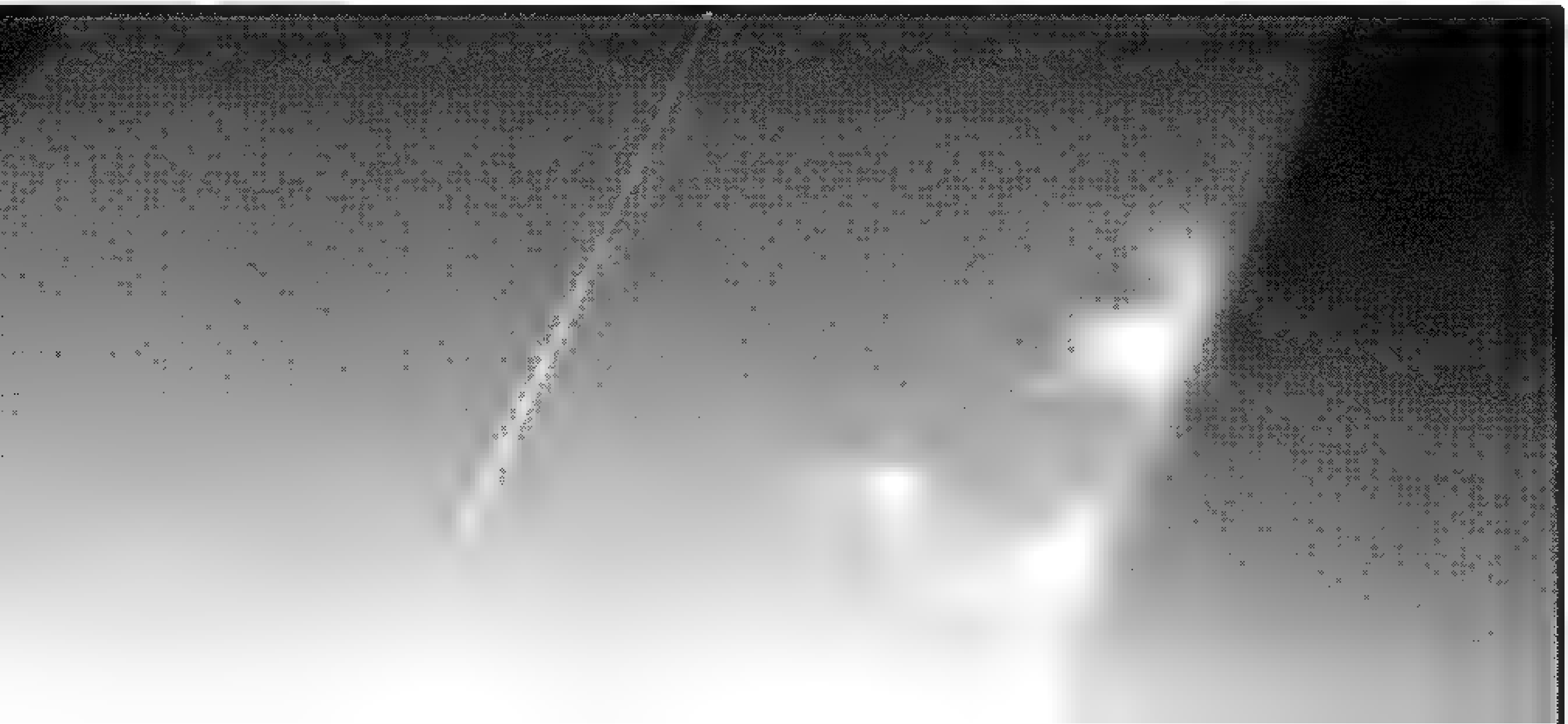
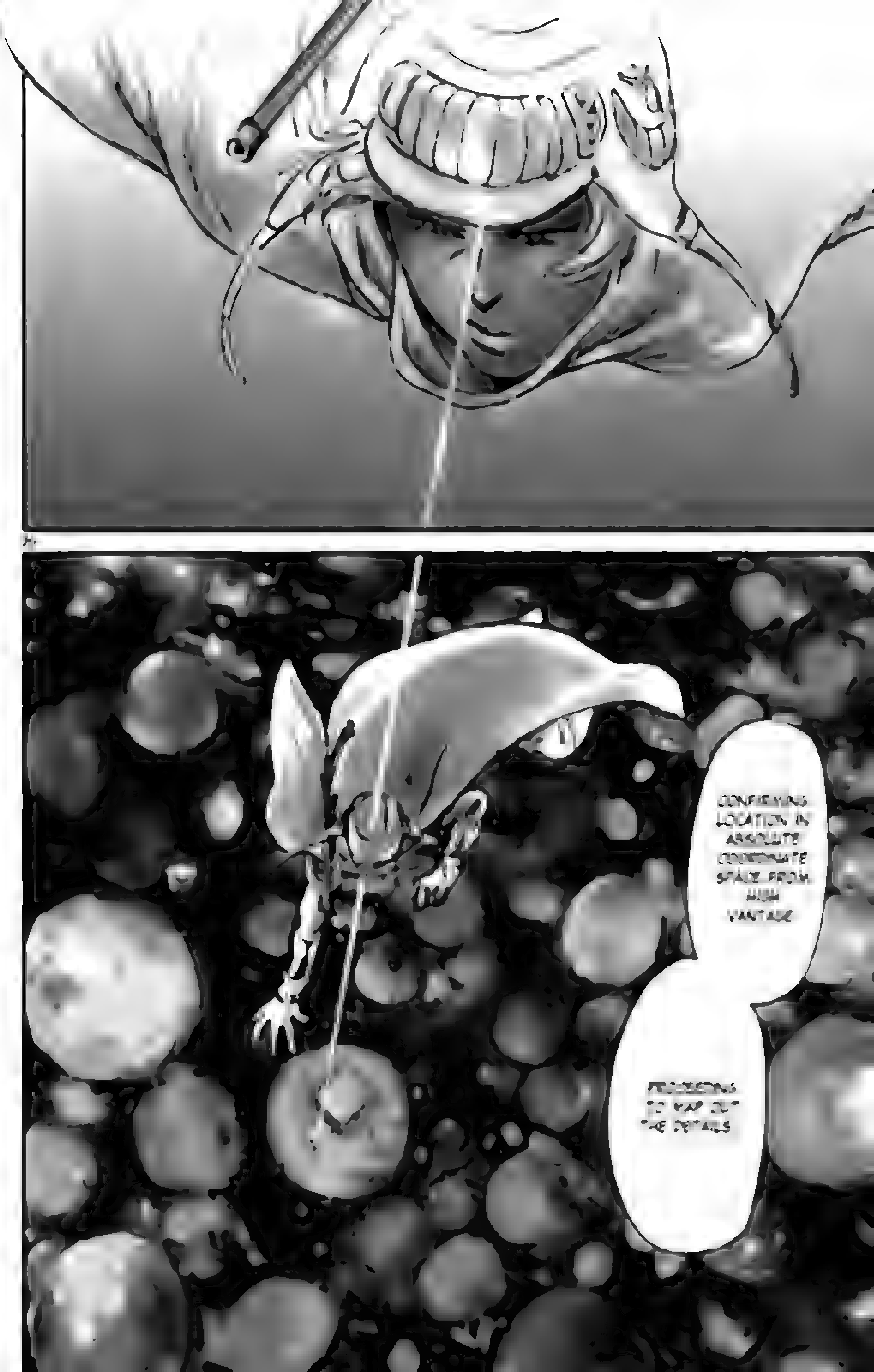
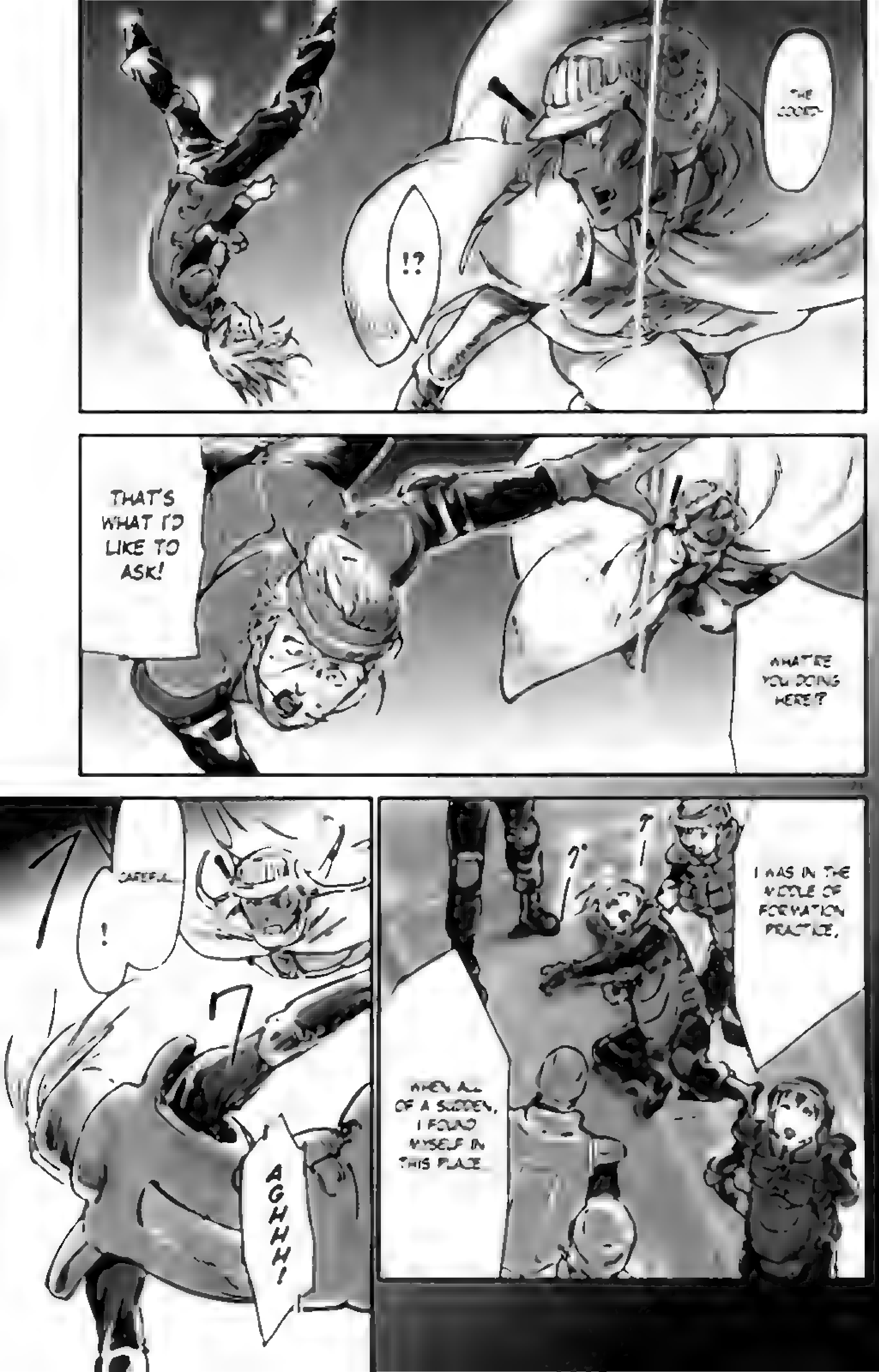
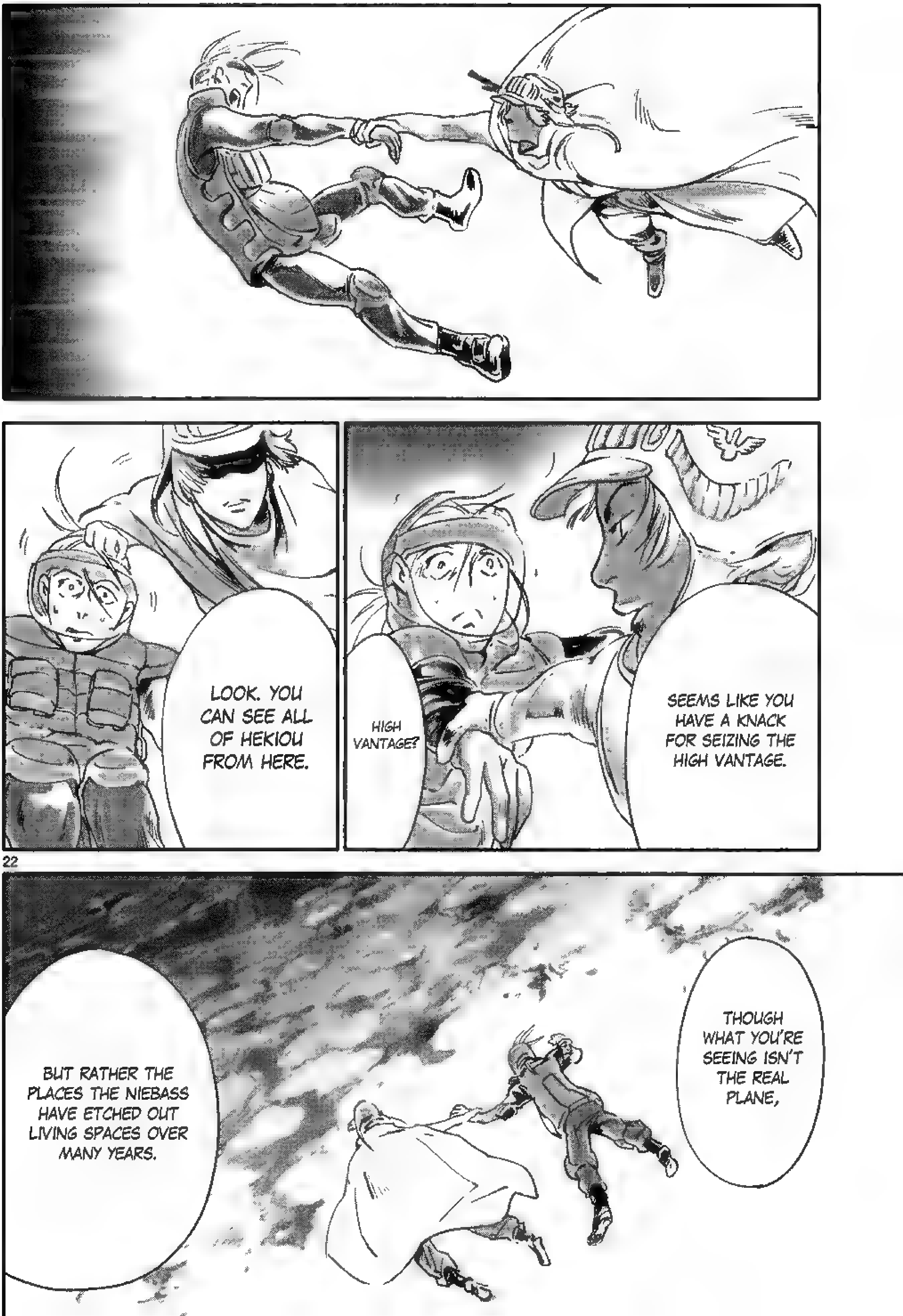
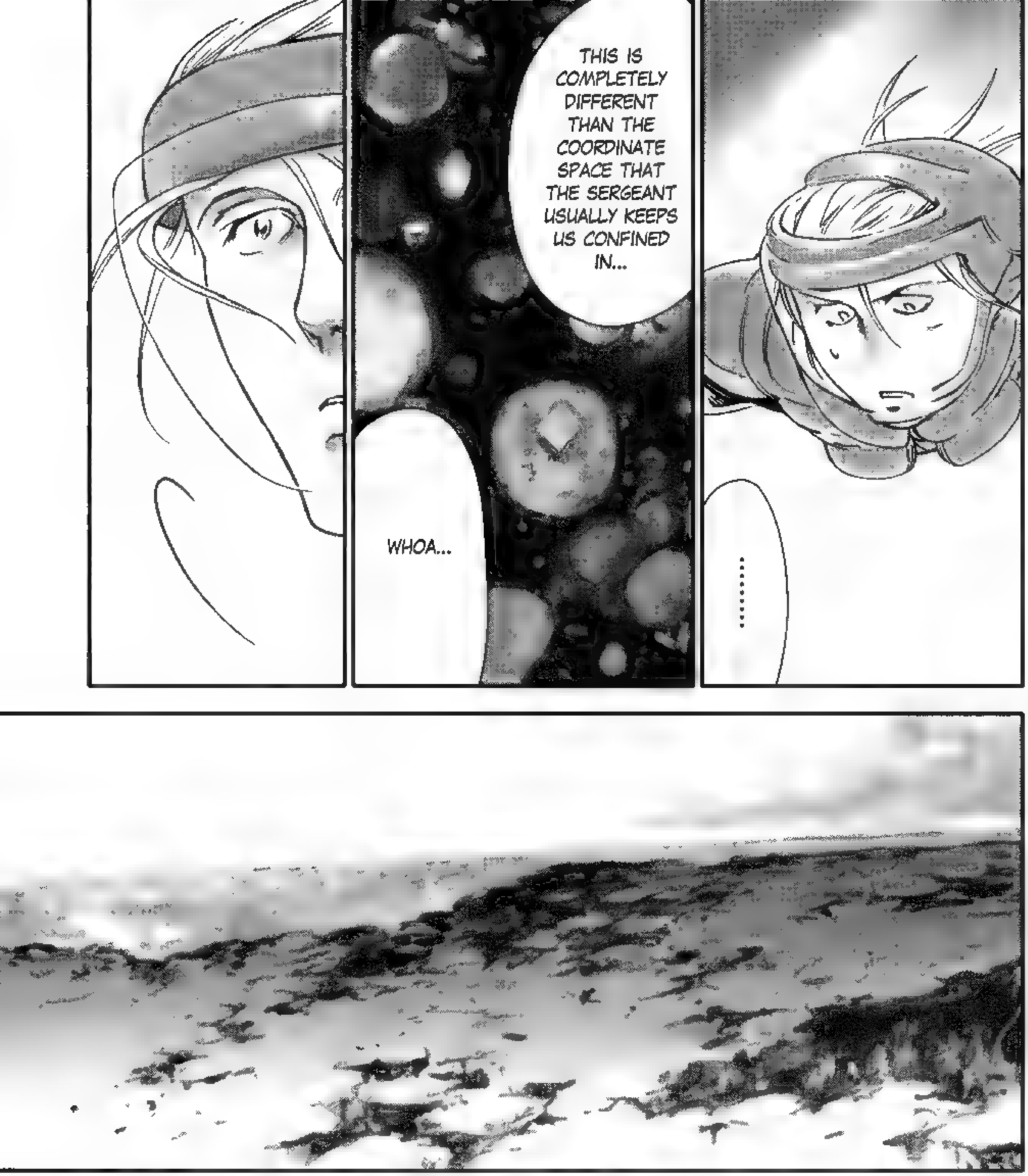





CONFIRMING LOCATION IN ABSOLUTE COORDINATE SPACE FROM HIGH VANTAGE
PROCEEDING TO MAP OUT THE DETAILS


THE COOK?-
!?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO ASK!
I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF FORMATION PRACTICE,
WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, I FOUND MYSELF IN THIS PLACE.
CAREFUL...
!
AGHHH!


SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR SEIZING THE HIGH VANTAGE.
HIGH VANTAGE?
LOOK. YOU CAN SEE ALL OF HEKIOU FROM HERE.
THOUGH WHAT YOU'RE SEEING ISN'T THE REAL PLANE,
BUT RATHER THE PLACES THE NIEBASS HAVE ETCHED OUT LIVING SPACES OVER MANY YEARS.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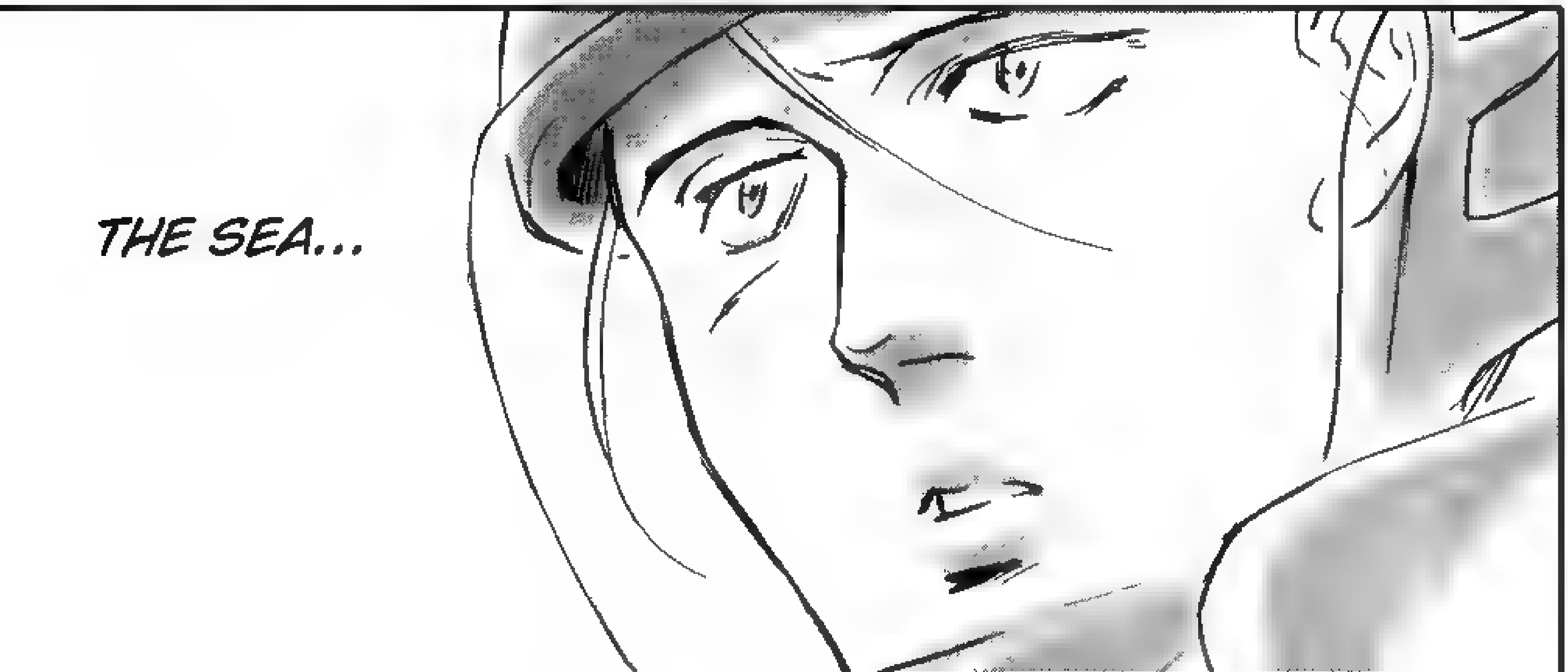
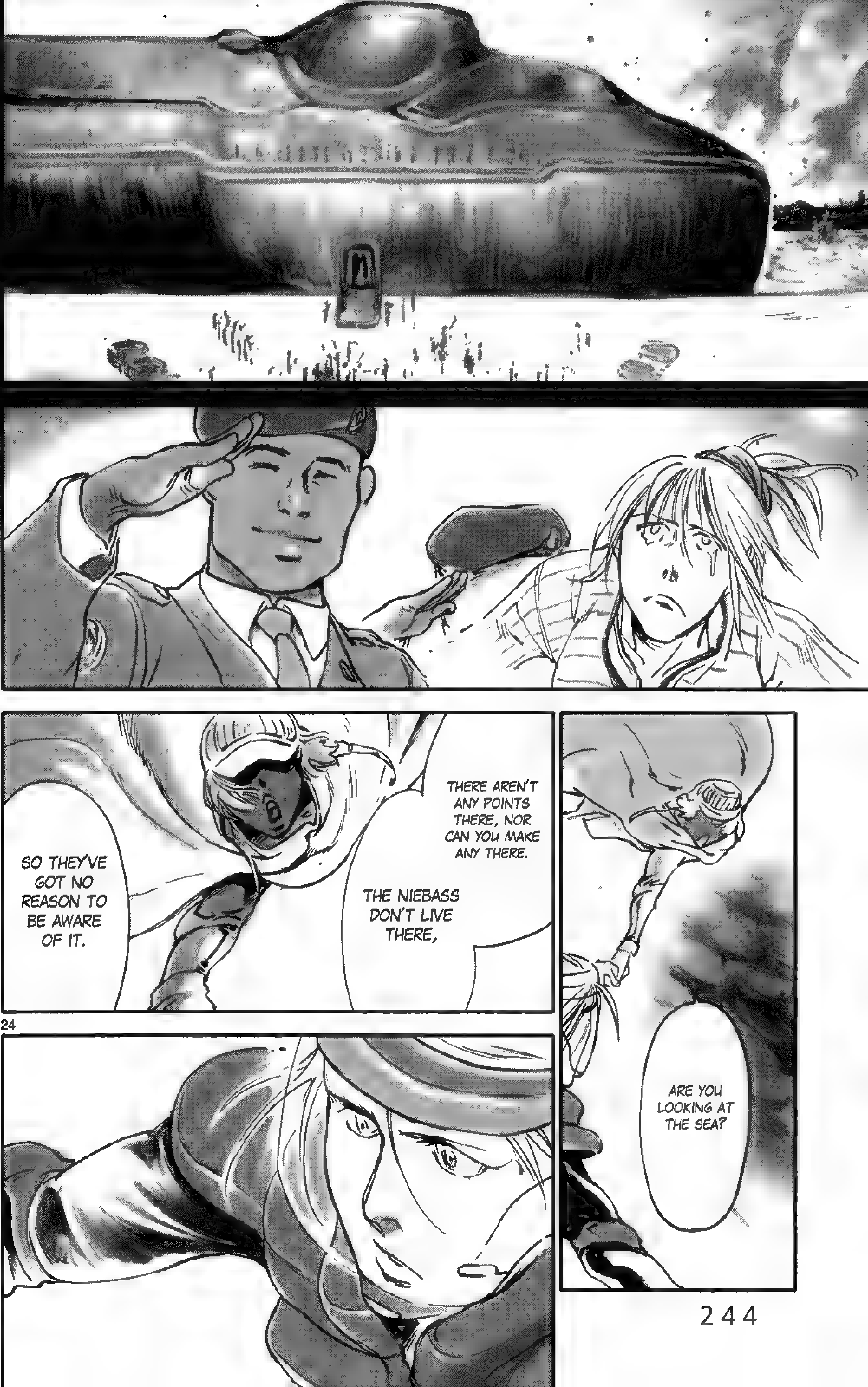
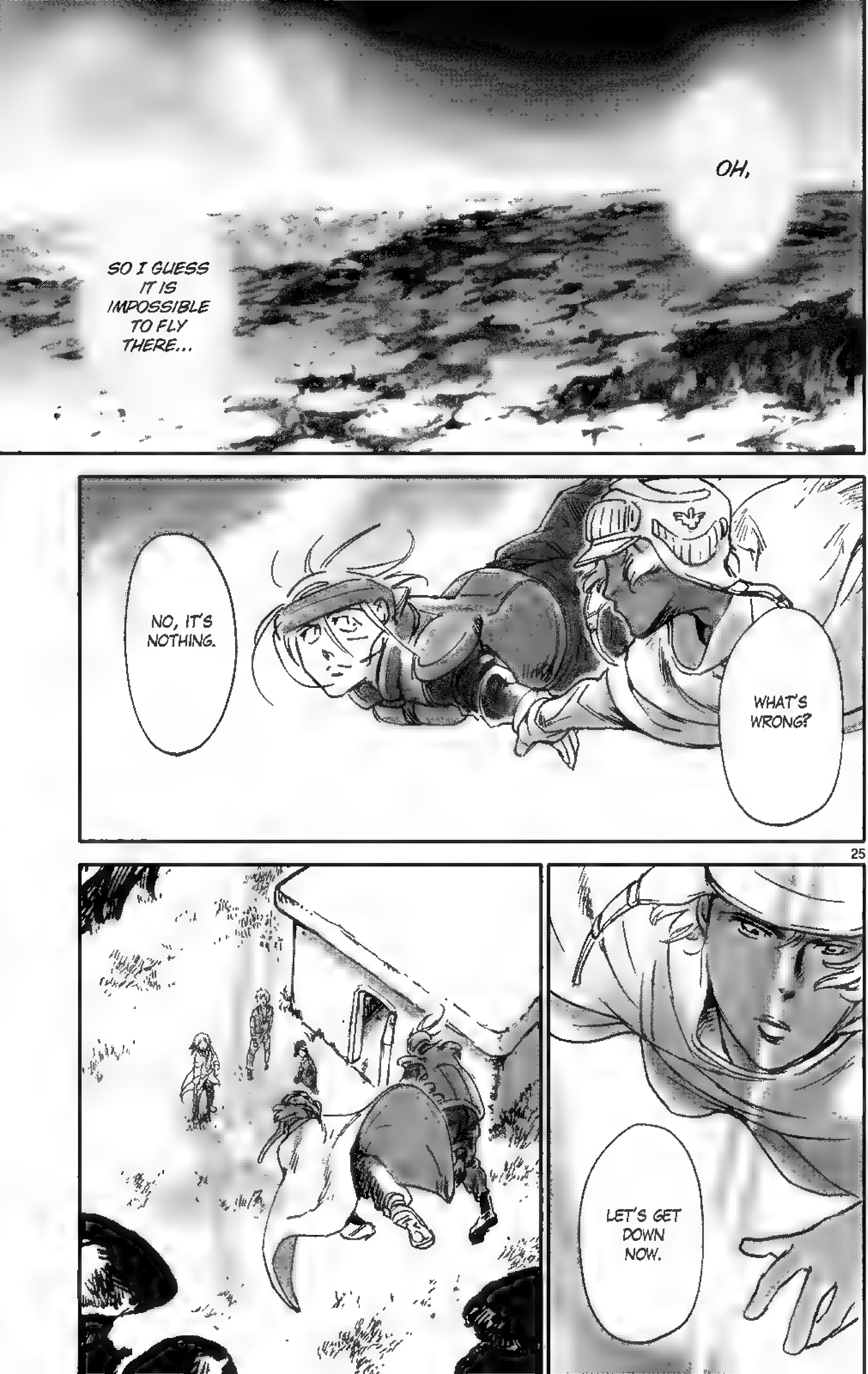
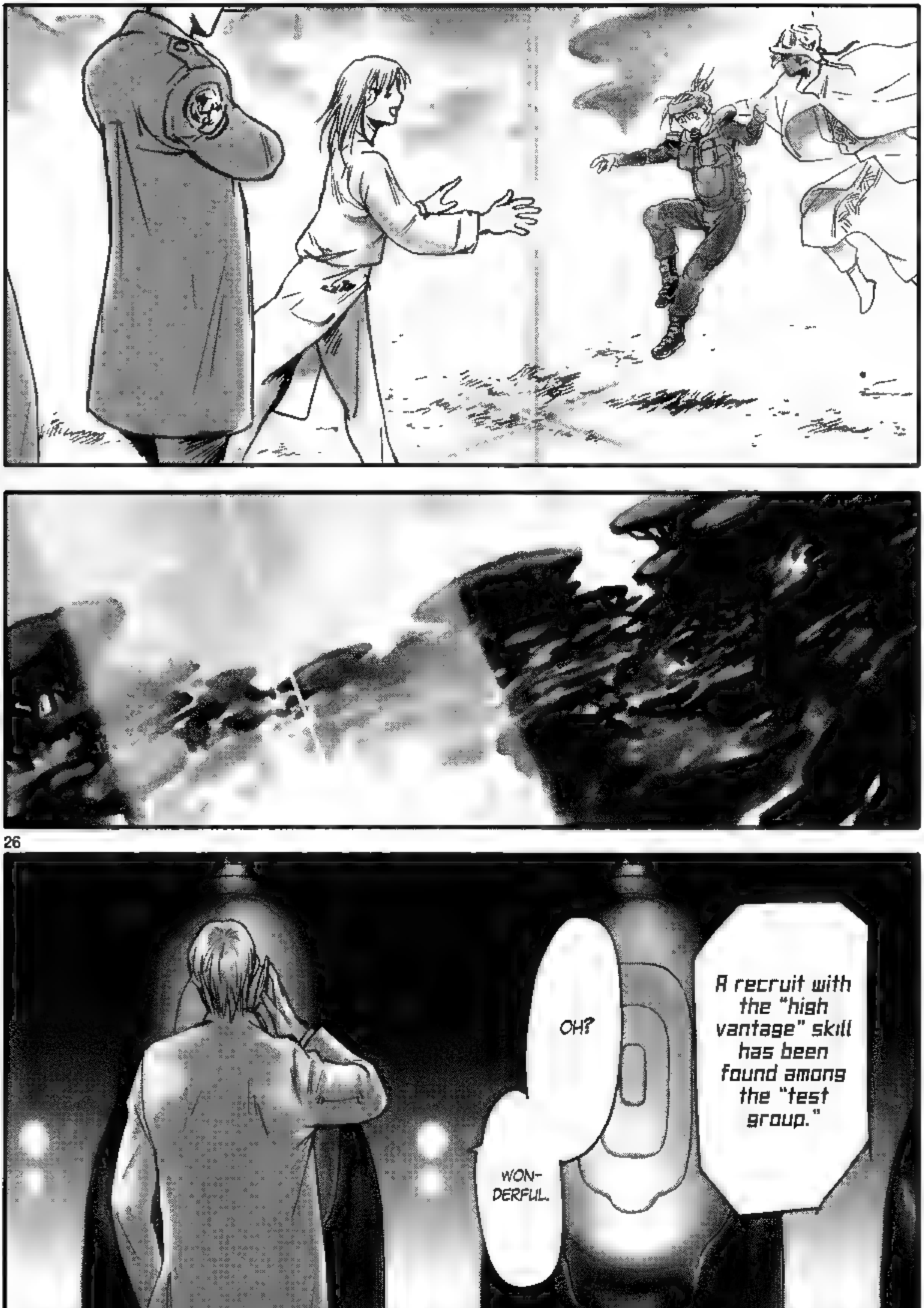
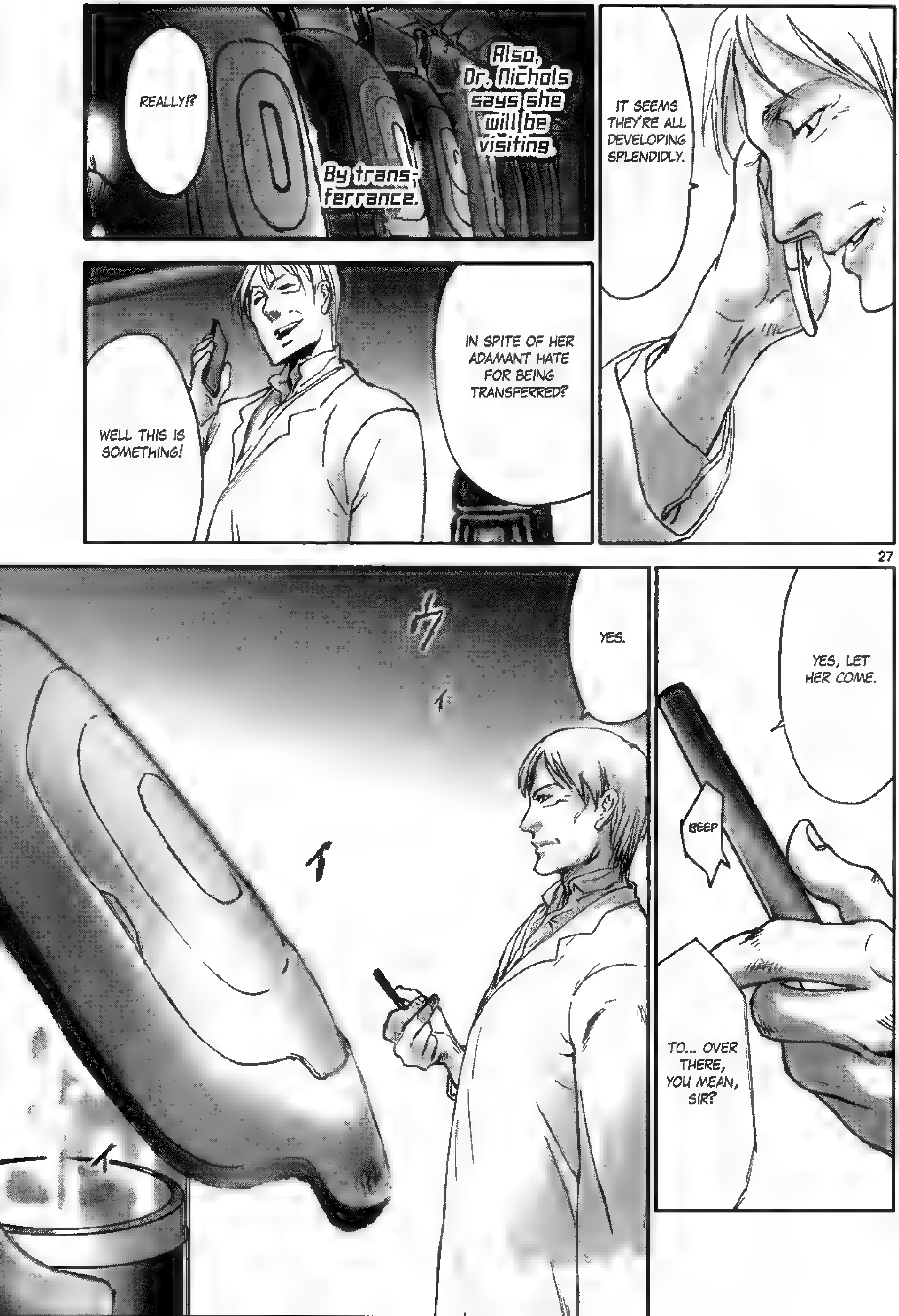
THIS IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN THE COORDINATE SPACE THAT THE SERGEANT USUALLY KEEPS US CONFINED IN...
WHOA...

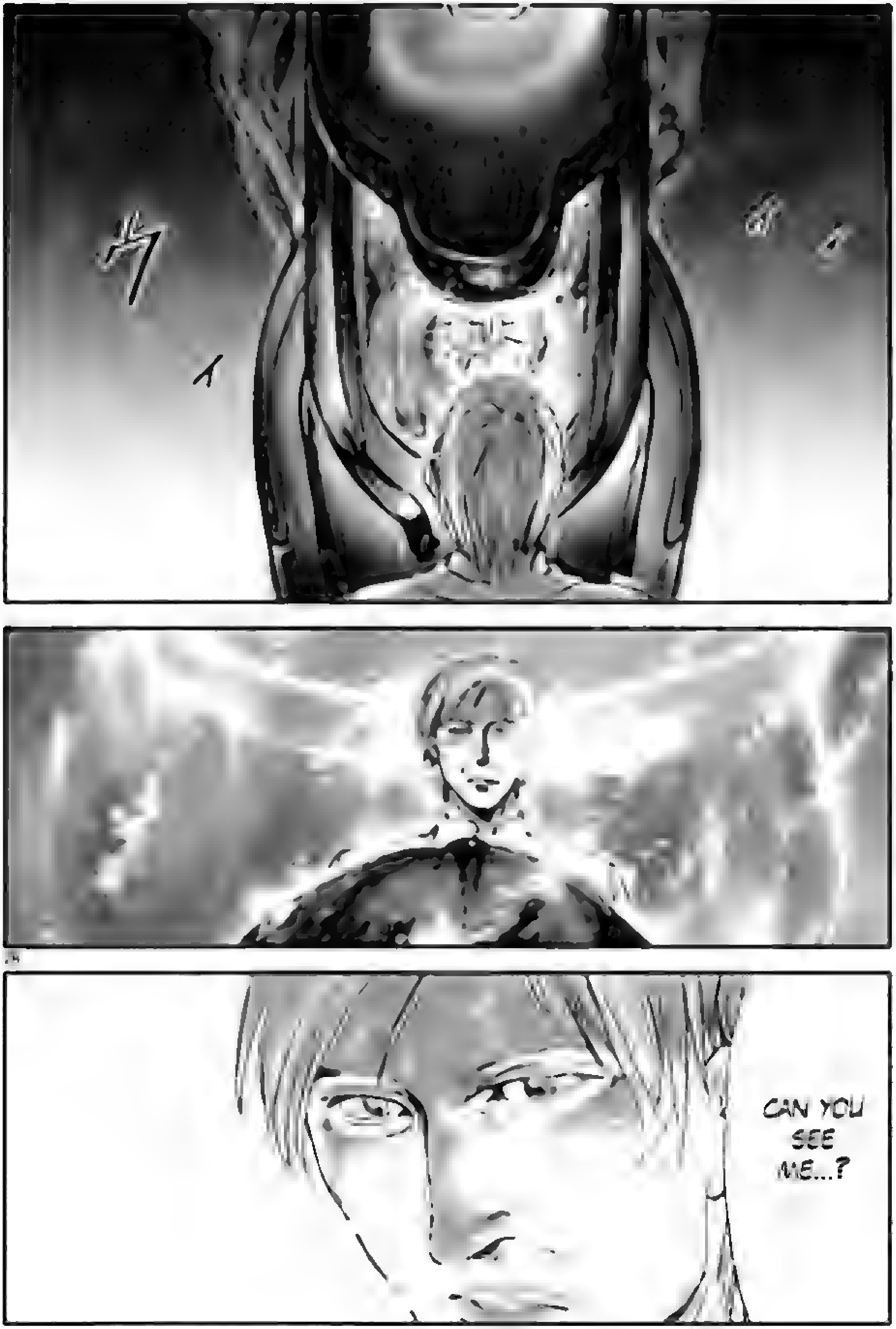

THE SEA...


THERE AREN'T ANY POINTS THERE, NOR CAN YOU MAKE ANY THERE.
THE NIEBASS DON'T LIVE THERE,
SO THEY'VE GOT NO REASON TO BE AWARE OF IT.
ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE SEA?


OH,
SO I GUESS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FLY THERE...
WHAT'S WRONG?
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
LET'S GET DOWN NOW.


A recruit with the "high vantage" skill has been found among the "test group."
OH?
WON-DERFUL.


IT SEEMS THEY'RE ALL DEVELOPING SPLENDIDLY.
Also, Dr. Nichols says she will be visiting.
By transferrance.
REALLY!?
IN SPITE OF HER ADAMANT HATE FOR BEING TRANSFERRED?
WELL THIS IS SOMETHING!
YES, LET HER COME.
BEEP
TO... OVER THERE, YOU MEAN, SIR?
YES.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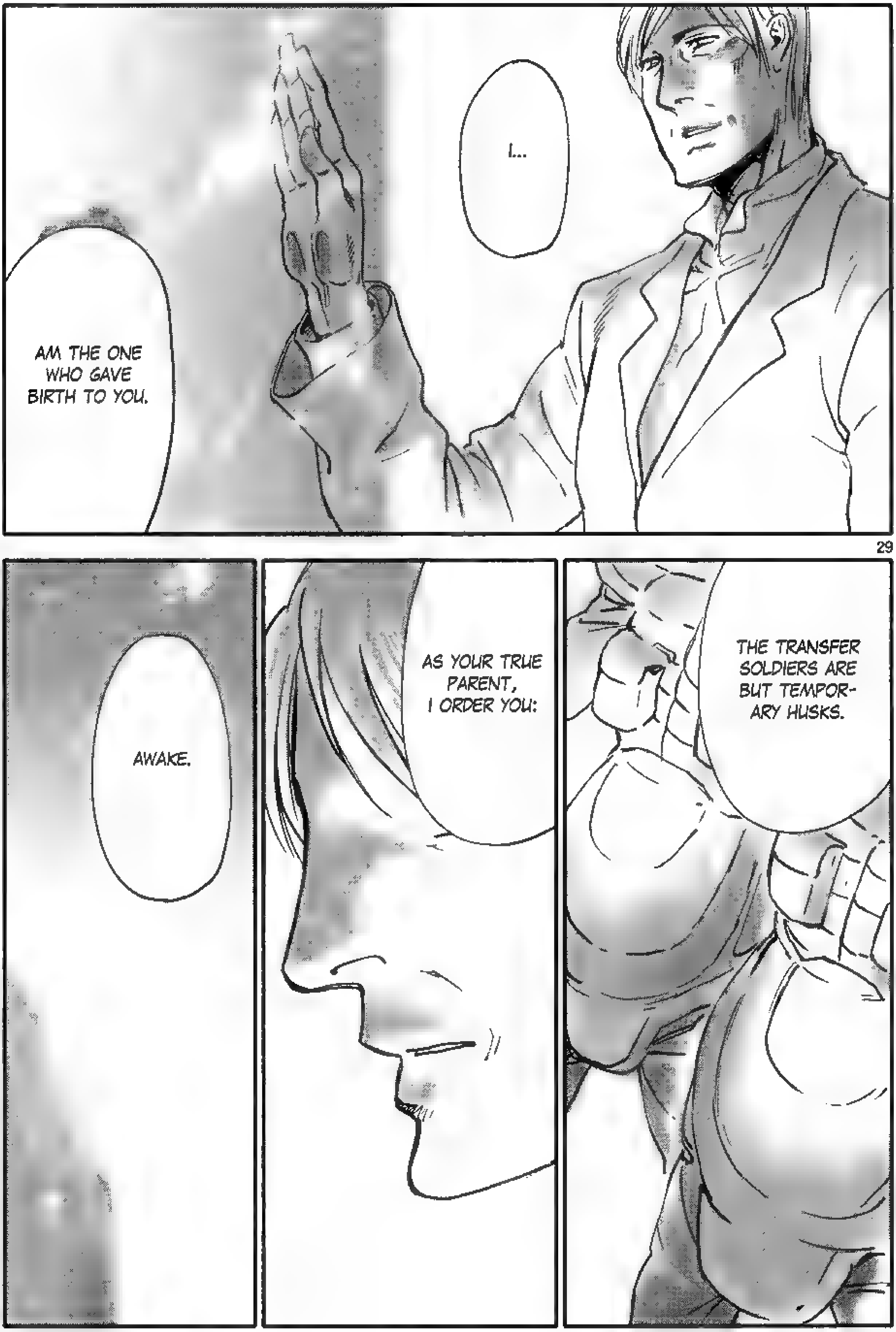
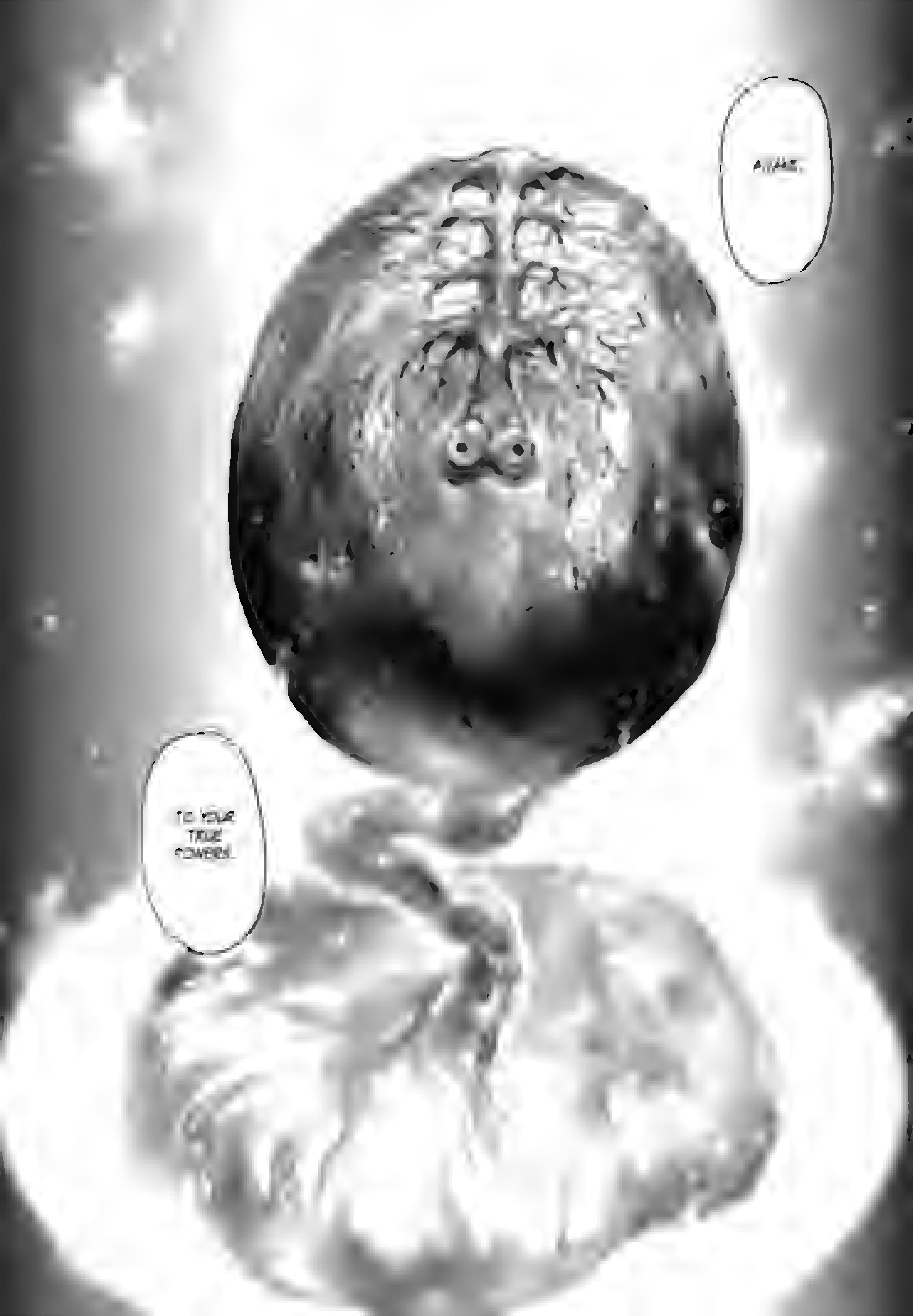
CAN YOU SEE ME...?


I...
AM THE ONE WHO GAVE BIRTH TO YOU.
THE TRANSFER SOLDIERS ARE BUT TEMPORARY HUSKS.
AS YOUR TRUE PARENT, I ORDER YOU:
AWAKE.


AWAKE...
TO YOUR TRUE POWERS...

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